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LONDON SYMPHONY

Barrage Blares to Meet Seventh Successive Night Raid

Streets Of City A Death Trap

FROM THE BEGINNING OF LAST NIGHT'S RAID ON LONDON THE BARRAGE LACKED NONE OF ITS EXCITEMENT OR FURY, AND ALTHOUGH FLASHES FROM THE GUNS WERE LESS VIVID AGAINST THE BEAUTIFUL CLEAR SKY AND BRIGHT MOONLIGHT, SHELL BURSTS WERE VISIBLE FOR MILES, SOME SPARKLING WHILE OTHERS WERE A SMOKY RED OR MURKY YELLOW.

Several 'planes passed the outer defences droning ominously towards central London.

Battery after battery of A.A. guns joined in until there was a distinct line of shells exploding in the air.

From behind the fiery line came the buzz of the planes' engines.

In minutes, the streets of central London were a death-trap—but there were no pedestrians.

Shrapnel clattered down, bounced off roofs, whizzed past windows and shattered glass.

The 'planes persisted for a little while and new and seemingly heavier guns crashed into action.

Genuine Music

Harsh barks, deep booms and quick staccato reports of smaller guns mingled in a sound that was genuine music to Londoners.

Incendiaries fell on houses near a south-west square and bus drivers and conductors helped to put them out.—Reuter.

Fourth And Fifth

The sound of sirens in London's fourth air raid warning yesterday was just dying away in the south-west London suburbs when local A.A. guns opened fire and searchlights converged at a point in the western sky.

A 'plane was heard overhead and the flash of A.A. guns stabbed the sky. The noise of engines stopped abruptly.—Reuter.

BRAUCHITSCH ADVERTISED AS ON THE COAST

Field-Marshal von Brauchitsch and his staff have now joined Field-Marshal Goering "in the field" somewhere on the French coast, said a Berlin despatch yesterday to the "National Zeitung" of Basle.

The despatch added it is generally accepted in Berlin that operations against England are to be intensified.

"Hitherto attacks have been merely the initial stage of the offensive."—Reuter.

R.A.F. HITS SHIPS OFF LE HAVRE

Coastal Command aircraft on Thursday attacked shipping off Le Havre, and an enemy tanker and a supply ship were hit, an Air Ministry communique stated in London yesterday.

On Thursday night Bomber Command aircraft attacked oil stores, shipping and docks at Emden, and also docks at Flushing where several large fires and explosions were observed.

Another force of aircraft bombed key distribution centres at Osnabruck, Hamm, Schwerte, Ehrang and Brussels and also several enemy aerodromes and Nordenney seaplane base. All our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

ITALO-TURKISH INCIDENT

The Turkish cargo steamer Sakarya (2,600 tons) is reported to have been stopped by Italian warships and detained at the island of Leros.

It is understood the Turkish Foreign Minister is making a pressing demarche to the Italian Government for the immediate release of steamer and cargo.—Reuter.

ITALIANS MASSING

A Cairo communique yesterday stated that in Egypt the thickening up of the enemy's concentration west of the frontier is continuing.

Beyond the usual raid on Mersa Matruh, air activity was slight. It is now confirmed that one enemy aircraft was brought down by A.A. fire on the night of September 10.

On other fronts there are no operations to report.—Reuter.

SEVERE DAMAGE IN ESSEX TOWN

AT MIDDAY YESTERDAY, in addition to the attacks on London, enemy aircraft in small numbers dropped bombs in several districts of south-eastern England.

In an Essex town considerable damage was done but no casualties have been reported. In several other places houses and cottages were hit but in general damage and casualties are reported as being slight.

Later enemy aircraft, continuing the methods of sudden attack and retreat which characterised their activities throughout the day, dropped bombs in one district in central London, in Eastbourne and in some places in Kent.

Some casualties resulted in London, and in Eastbourne there were also some casualties, most of them slight. Details of these later attacks are not yet available.

An enemy bomber was shot down by our fighters in the morning.—Reuter.

RUSSIA WARNS BERLIN

Soviet Russia has informed Germany that as a state bordering on the Danube she must take part in any discussions about that river.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, refers to reports by the German Information Bureau, the German radio and the foreign press about a conference to be called in Vienna to modify the existing international status of the Danube.

The Deputy Foreign Commissar told the German Ambassador to Moscow that the Soviet Union cannot remain indifferent about the control of shipping on the Danube and must take part in any such discussions. He hoped Russia would receive appropriate information about the Vienna conference.

The German Ambassador said that he would enquire of his Government of this matter.—Reuter.

RIOTS IN CLUJ

THERE IS STILL A LOT OF TROUBLE OVER THE CESSION BY RUMANIA OF PART OF TRANSYLVANIA TO HUNGARY, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM ZURICH.

Riots are reported to have broken out in Cluj, most important city in the area, on Thursday night after Hungarian police had shot a Rumanian.

Rumanian tanks smashed a triumphant archway erected to greet the Hungarians and retreating Rumanian officers tore Hungarian and Italian flags to pieces.—Reuter.

BALLOON BARRAGE SCORES AGAIN

The Air Ministry reveals that an enemy bomber fouled a balloon barrage cable early yesterday morning and was destroyed.—Reuter.

SALE OF U.S. AIR DESIGNS BANNED

President Roosevelt yesterday issued a proclamation forbidding the sale to foreign purchasers of 'planes and designs for aircraft construction and aero-engines except under specific licence from the U.S. Government.

A similar embargo has also been applied to equipment used in the manufacture of petrol and plans for its construction.—Reuter.

TIME BOMB AT TURIN EXPLODES

A Turin report says that five soldiers and a civilian were killed and others were injured when a time-bomb they were trying to dig out of the ground exploded.—Reuter.

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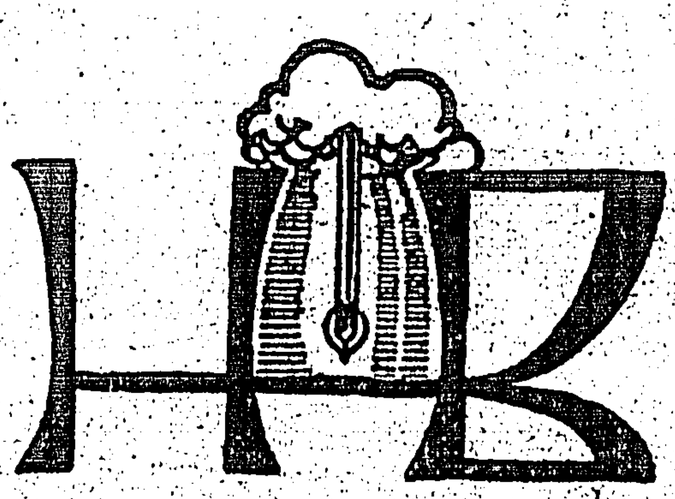

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DELIBERATE ATTACK ON BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Observer's Story: Five Bombs Dropped At Once

Cascades Of Water Shoot High Into Air

FIVE BOMBS were dropped by a Nazi daylight raider yesterday on Buckingham Palace. The King and Queen, who were in the palace at the time, were unhurt, but three of the palace staff received slight injuries.

Bombs also fell in Downing Street, without doing any damage.

An observer just outside Buckingham Palace says that two bombs fell in the inner quadrangle; the third hit the private chapel in the south-wing; and the remaining two fell in the road between the Victoria Memorial and the Palace Gates.

The first sign of the attack was the noise of aeroplane engines. A twin-engined, light bomber dived out of some clouds and, as it came over the centre of the Palace, the pilot cut his engines and the machine lost speed.

Then came the whistle of bombs and a series of explosions. Pieces of stone and masonry fell into Buckingham Palace Road, one piece hitting an electric light standard.

The German 'plane then speeded up its engines and climbed back into the clouds.

Tour Of London

The King and Queen, who were in the Palace at the time, were unhurt. Three members of the Palace Staff received slight injuries.

The bombs which fell in the inner quadrangle burst a water-main and cascades of water shot up into the air.

The bombs in the roadway started a small fire which was quickly extinguished by soldiers from Wellington Barracks and the Auxiliary Fire Service.

Their Majesties visited the wrecked chapel and later left, according to plan, for a tour of other parts of London where damage had been done by bombs.

A man who was on top of the building said:—

"I was petrified as I saw five bombs coming down towards the Palace.

"It was not indiscriminate bombing. It was a deliberate attack.

"It was a terrible moment."

Four Hour Raid

Bombs also fell in Downing Street and other parts of London. They were mostly incendiaries and fell in showers in some places.

An official communique says that conspicuous buildings were hit, irrespective of their nature. It is feared that the enemy managed to kill and injure a number of civilians.

No damage was done in Downing Street.

All this occurred during the second and longest raid of the day, lasting for four hours.

The first raid lasted from about 7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m., and one 'plane was shot down by two rounds of anti-aircraft fire in south-west London.

The 'plane broke up and two men were seen coming down in parachutes.

Incendiary Showers

The third warning was sounded late in the afternoon, and lasted for about 20 minutes. Some bombs were dropped in central London.

The second, and longest raid, was carried out by no more than from 15 to 20 'planes, which took full advantage of low-lying clouds.

A shower of incendiary bombs mostly from one 'plane, fell in Central London, without doing much damage. All fires were quickly tackled, in some cases sand-bags being ripped open for sand to put on the bombs.

Stations of the Underground railway are not official shelters, but many hundreds of people sat on the platforms and steps during the raid.

Besides the bombs which hit Buckingham Palace, one explosive bomb fell in a park and another on a big building next to a hotel in central London.—Reuter.

Hitler's Record

It will be recalled, in connection with this second bombing of the Royal residence, that the history of Hitler's acts of aggression against Austria, Poland, Norway, Luxembourg and the Netherlands shows he has never hesitated to permit attacks upon the persons of heads of States.

Both the Chancellors of Austria who had dealings with Hitler were maltreated by him. Dr. Dollfuss was murdered by Austrian Nazis—his assassination being intended as the signal for a Nazi invasion.

Dr. Schuschnigg, after being browbeaten by Hitler and his generals on his visit to Berchtesgaden, suffered a nervous breakdown as a result of his treatment there and during the subsequent invasion of his country. He was later kept in close confinement by Hitler's orders.

In Poland

Invading Poland, Hitler permitted his air-force to bomb houses in which the President and Government successively sheltered as they fell back before the German advance.

The Nazi Fifth Column was so efficient that the President had hardly made a fresh headquarters before German bombers swooped down on it.

It was the same story in Norway. When King Haakon was making his way northward to rally the army after the Germans seized Oslo, he and the Crown Prince were repeatedly bombed from the air, and it is recorded the King had to lie on the ground in a wood in order to escape bombing and machine-gunning.

Attack On Duchess

The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg was shot at as she attempted to escape into France during the Nazi invasion and escaped by a narrow margin.

Again, the Queen of the Netherlands and Princess Juliana were bombed by the Germans on their way from the Netherlands to England. The Netherlands Government had declared that Nazi parachutists had been ordered to capture the Royal Family at an early stage of the invasion of the Low Countries.—Reuter.

As strange as it may seem, members of the Home Guard "take cover" whilst undergoing shooting practice at Bisley. Large straw Mexican type hats are used to shield them from the sun. Photo shows a member complete with his 'Mexican' hat. (Copyright, Fox).

IRON GUARD PARADES BUCHAREST

TEN THOUSAND MEMBERS OF THE IRON GUARD PARADED THROUGH THE STREETS OF BUCHAREST YESTERDAY TO CELEBRATE THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE RUMANIAN FASCIST PARTY.

The route was policed by Iron Guard officers and the demonstration is described as one of the most orderly ever seen in Bucharest.—Reuter.

FEARS FOR ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

About five bombs are understood to have fallen in the vicinity of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Two were discovered in a street nearby and one of these, which partly buried itself in the Dean's court next to the churchyard, is believed to be a 500-lb. high explosive.

This bomb is causing the chief concern. If it does explode it is feared serious damage might be done to the fabric of the Cathedral.—Reuter.

CABINET CONGRATULATES KING AND QUEEN

THE WAR CABINET YESTERDAY TELEGRAPHED TO THE KING CONGRATULATING THEIR MAJESTIES ON THEIR PROVIDENTIAL ESCAPE IN THE BOMBING OF THEIR HOME AND ROYAL PERSONS.

The King replied: "The Queen and I are so grateful to the War Cabinet for their kind message. Like many other people we have now had personal experience of German barbarity which only strengthens the resolution of all of us to fight through to final victory."—Reuter.

BATAVIA DRIVE FOR AIRCRAFT

Queen Wilhelmina's broadcast from London was heard in Batavia distinctly.

Announcement of the purchase of Spitfires and bombers on behalf of Britain has caused the greatest satisfaction in Batavia, especially as a committee had been established in Batavia to collect funds for that purpose.

On the first day of its operations the committee sent £5,000 to England to buy 'planes.

The committee, in which British and Dutch in the N.E.I. are cooperating, has asked that as far as possible the 'planes should be named after islands in the Archipelago and be flown by Dutch pilots. — Reuter.

COMPULSORY P.T CRITIC

Those who wished to make the "Service of Youth" scheme the base for compulsory pre-military training were criticised by Mr. J. Chuter Ede, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, at a Haslemere, Surrey, youth rally.

Compulsion, he said, would destroy the whole basis of the work. Compulsion was also not practicable.

At the moment, while we were recruiting, training and equipping a citizen army of millions, there were neither the premises nor the instructors to handle 1,000,000 boys between the ages of fourteen and eighteen.

The physical and recreational side of the organisation would be well provided for, but it should cover a far wider field, and would give many opportunities for extending the interests of young people in all walks of life.

Not only the young munition worker, but the young employed person in every calling came within the scope of the organisation.

110 KILLED IN THURSDAY'S ATTACK

In the London area the number of persons killed and injured in Thursday night's attacks was not heavy.

Fuller reports of the casualties show that 110 were killed and 260 injured in the London area.—Reuter.

FIGHTING ON KENYA FRONTIER

A Cairo communique yesterday stated our patrols in Kenya were actively engaged in the northern frontier district on a 200-mile front between Walquaris and Turbi.

They inflicted losses in the Kassala area while enemy defences on the west bank of the river were heavily and effectively shelled. — Reuter.

COMPULSORY SERVICE IN BURMA FOR BRITONS

The Speaker read out in the Burma House of Representatives in Rangoon yesterday a message from the Governor stating the Governor had enacted a National Service for European British subjects Act, providing for compulsory service of European British subjects either in the armed forces or in civil works. — Reuter.

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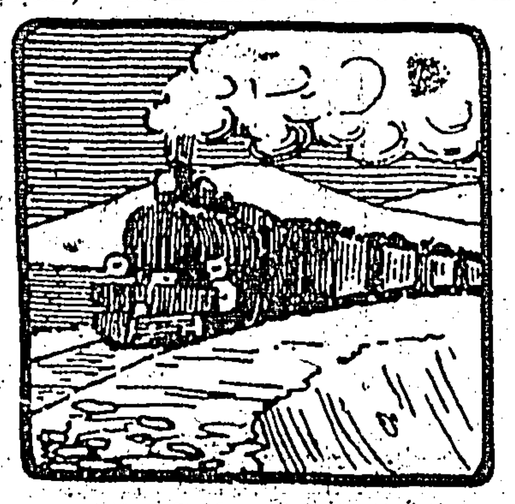

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NAZI HIT-AND-RUN RAIDS ON LONDON: FEW GET THROUGH

THE THIRD AIR RAID WARNING SOUNDED IN THE LONDON AREA AT 2.55 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND A FEW MINUTES AFTER THE SIRENS HAD SOUNDED A BURST OF MACHINE-GUN FIRE WAS HEARD FROM THE AIR. THE ALL CLEAR WENT AT 3.13 P.M.

During this warning a 'plane was heard to dive over London with its engines cut out and after zooming upwards it released high explosive and incendiary bombs which set fire to premises.

Scores of pedestrians fell full length on the railway and pavement while others raced for shelter.

Five bombs were dropped by a single German raider which dived suddenly through low clouds and attacked a south-east town during the morning.

A bomb fell directly on the centre of a road, bursting a gas main, but the flames were extinguished.

Incendiary bombs started over 12 fires which were quickly put out.

A lone raider dropped a stick of 12 bombs across the centre of another south-east coast town in the evening.

Hit-And-Run

Hitherto only one death has been reported but a number were injured.

As a result of the night's raid on a north-west town seven deaths hitherto have been reported.

Yesterday's raids were carried out by enemy 'planes operating singly and in small numbers.

It is stated authoritatively that in the first raid but a few machines reached London and in the second, taking advantage of heavy clouds, the number is estimated at 15 to 20.

Just before the all clear in the second warning sounded a lone raider dropped three bombs in London near a hospital, a nurses' home and many houses. Two people were injured.

Employees' Escape

Eight people in another road were injured by a bomb which damaged six houses and a public library.

Several hundred employees of two London firms—a bakery and a laundry—which received direct hits in the second air raid, escaped without serious casualties.

They had taken refuge in shelters which were undamaged although the main buildings were partially demolished.—Reuter.

BUILDINGS MUST BE OCCUPIED

THE MINISTRY OF HOME SECURITY HAS ISSUED A WARNING AGAINST BUILDINGS BEING LEFT UNOCCUPIED.

The danger of fires in empty buildings is stressed, as it is important that they be dealt with quickly before they get out of control.

Someone must always be left in a building.—Reuter.

WEYGAND'S TRIP POSTPONED

A NEW YORK MESSAGE SAYS THAT GENERAL WEYGAND'S VISIT TO AFRICA HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

He was about to set off to co-ordinate the defence of those parts of the French Empire holding allegiance to the Vichy Government.—Reuter.

EXPORTS OF CARS CONTINUE

The motor industry has received from the Board of Trade a 100 per cent. allocation of steel for the present quarter; that is to say, manufacturers are allotted all the steel they require under existing conditions.

As the sale of new cars has been forbidden in Britain since July 20, there is no home market except for motor-cycles, agricultural and commercial vehicles and for military orders. Export, however, is still being given all possible stimulus by the Export Council.

So far motor export has been doing extraordinarily well. For the first six months of the year we have exported 5,000 units a month, 80 per cent. of them cars. Markets in South America are developing satisfactorily, and even the United States have been taking a certain number of British "eights."

Autumn Outlook

The outlook is less encouraging. Severe rationing of petrol begins in Australia in September and may restrict car buying among our best customers. Portugal, our last market in Europe, is also imposing restrictions.

But at least, as an official of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said, if we are not selling cars abroad nobody else is. We are not losing markets to rivals, not even to the United States, and if manufacturers can get the steel, for steel allotted by the Board of Trade is not the same thing as steel on the factory floor. British motor exports will continue to help to pay for the munitions and food we have to import.

UNKNOWN'S GIFT TO RED CROSS

A woman called at a London newspaper office and handed a parcel to the doorman, saying: "Give this to the Red Cross."

She went away without giving her name, but inside were a quantity of old medals, some of them silver and some copper and also a silver flower stand.

The medals had been won years ago for running and jumping.

The parcel has been forwarded to the Sales Committee of the Red Cross, 149, Park Lane, W.1, who will decide whether to sell the articles or melt them down.

ARMY IS HUNTING BILLETS

WANTED. — Thousands more private billets to help in housing the 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 men who will be in the Army by the winter.

That is the task facing the Quartermaster-General's Department at the War Office as M.P.s are studying a "victory drive" booklet advising them how to explain call-up delays to their constituents.

The Department are now working on a complete review of the existing accommodation.

Many Under Canvas

Already, as Mr. Churchill revealed in his broadcast, we have 1,500,000 men under arms in Britain.

The permanent barrack accommodation of the country was barely enough for Britain's small peace-time Army.

Although thousands of well-built and comfortable huts have been erected, they have not solved the problem.

The difficulties have been increased by the return of the B.E.F., the arrival of big overseas forces and French, Belgian and Polish troops.

Boarding houses, hotels, and public buildings have already been taken over by the military authorities in some of the defence areas.

It is likely that this will be extended.

Two Months But —

The "victory" booklet, compiled by the Ministry of Labour and National Service, advises M.P.s to reply to their "fan mail" thus:—

The men who are wanted for the Army—and they are the great majority—are usually called up at the present time within about two months after their registration.

The period may be longer in the case of married men and also in the case of men joining the Navy and Air Force.

MINISTRY'S PLEA FOR OBJECTORS

The case in which the Ministry of Labour and National Service appealed successfully to the London Conscientious Objectors Appellate Tribunal on behalf of two young conscientious objectors is not to be regarded as a precedent.

It is stated that if the appeal had been dismissed and the men had persisted in their passive resistance by refusing to appear before a medical board action would undoubtedly have been taken against them. Nevertheless, questions about the matter are likely to be asked in the House of Commons.

At the outset of the case the men, aged 21 and 22, wrote to the Ministry, stating that they would refuse to register for military service or to appear before the local tribunal. Under his powers the Minister registered the men as sincere conscientious objectors. After the local tribunal had registered them for military service in their absence, an appeal against the decision was made by the Ministry and was upheld. The appeal was made on the grounds that the Ministry was of the view that the men were genuine in their objection and that the local tribunal had not acted in accordance with the spirit of the law.

POWDER FACTORY EXPLOSION

An explosion wrecked part of the Hercules Powder Factory at Kenvil, five miles from Dover, New Jersey, yesterday. Two hundred were injured.

The company received Government orders involving $40,000,000.—Reuter.

MEXICAN ELECTION TANGLE

The Mexican Electoral College and Chamber of Deputies yesterday declared General Avila Camacho as official candidate to be President-elect of Mexico.—Reuter.

HOW CAROL'S ABDICATION WAS FORCED?

General Antonescu, the Rumanian dictator, has issued a communique giving his version of events leading up to Carol's abdication.

On September 5, he says, he had to refuse a mandate to form a Government, as everyone he approached made the abdication a preliminary condition of their support.

Early the next morning, the King agreed to grant him dictatorial powers.

That evening, riots broke out and he had to demand the King's abdication.

After issuing a decree laying down two principles for the Royal Household and saying that future promotion in the army will be based on merit or valour, General Antonescu left Bucharest with young King Michael to meet Queen Helen on the Yugoslav frontier.—Reuter.

GANDHI REBUKES SIKH LEADER

MR. GANDHI YESTERDAY sent a sharp reply to Taran Singh, leader of the Akali section of the Sikh community, who in a letter to the Mahatma, urged that Sikhs should join the army "in as large a number as possible in the interest of their motherland and their own."

Taran Singh, who resigned from Congress owing to a disagreement with Congress leaders, stated he had made a conditional offer to provide 100,000 recruits if an agreement was reached between Congress and the Government.

The chances of such an agreement appeared far from encouraging, while the world situation was worsening, and he therefore saw no alternative but to support the free recruitment of a Sikh army.

Mr. Gandhi, in reply, tells Taran Singh: "You have to offer your services to the British Government unconditionally and look to it for the protection of the rights of your community.

"You don't suppose for a moment that the British will take your recruits on your conditions. They would commit suicide if they did.

"You have to be either frankly nationalist or frankly communal and therefore depend upon the British or another foreign power."—Reuter.

Cairo Allegations

According to a Beirut message to the "Al Misri" of Cairo, the activities of the Italian military mission in Syria show the Axis policy aims at depriving the country of all means of resistance so that Italy can lay hands on the country at the earliest opportunity.

It would seem that Italy and Germany intend to use Syria and Lebanon as bases for their military forces against the Near East as a complement to the Italian bases in the Dodecanese.

The message adds these intentions have aroused indignation among Syrians, especially the Druses, and Syrian leaders are determined to resist all Axis attempts to this end.

The British and Turkish Governments are known to be closely watching developments.—Reuter.

RUMANIA BORDER INCIDENT

SOVIET RUSSIA HAS PROTESTED AGAINST AN INCIDENT ON WEDNESDAY IN WHICH SOVIET FRONTIER GUARDS ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN FIRED ON FROM RUMANIA.

The Rumanian Minister in Moscow has replied that the matter will be investigated and the offenders punished.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE STEADY

Despite the shortness of yesterday's session the tone of the London Stock Exchange was fully steady, with occasional transactions in gilt-edged and other market leaders on the basis of the previous night's closing levels. Wall Street was narrowly irregular. — Reuter.

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SYRIAN SENTIMENT TURNING TOWARDS DE GAULLE

THERE IS STRONG evidence to be found in Syria that Frenchmen there are growing more and more desirous of rallying to General de Gaulle, according to trustworthy information from Syria which reached Reuter in Cairo yesterday.

This growing sentiment is attributed, firstly, to the great bravery shown by Britain in the face of German air raids, and, secondly, to the rallying of the French Equatorial African colonies.

Although the press is muzzled, Frenchmen in Syria manage to obtain news from outside and in many sections there are signs of disgust at the Petain Government.

It is stated that the first party of Italian military experts in Syria are now being reinforced by civilians and air force experts.

It is furthermore believed a German mission has now reached Ankara on the way to Syria.

Getting Worked Up

Reception of the Italian mission was apparently very cool, and feelings are daily becoming more hostile towards Italy.

The French are reported to have flatly refused to comply with Italian demands, the major demand being the immediate handing over of air bases.

Other Italian requests are believed to include control of railways and the surrender of a number of submarines.

The situation in Syria is summed up as being "like a pot at boiling point," and one of two actions seems possible.

De Gaulle Coup?

First, a sudden coup by de Gaulle elements; secondly, a period of passive resistance.

The second course would mean the French would not allow themselves to be disarmed but would stay put, waiting for any military attempt in the country—when they would fight.—Reuter.

BACHELOR OF 80 GIVES £50,000

Mr. John A. Fielden, an eighty-year-old bachelor, of Holme Wood, Holme, near Peterborough, has given £50,000 to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to assist in the prosecution of the war. He has received a letter of thanks from Sir Kingsley Wood.

A considerable part of Mr. Fielden's fortune has been given to hospitals and for the benefit of wounded soldiers. At the beginning of the war he gave six ambulances costing £550 each for service in France.

In the last war he placed his yacht at the disposal of the Government, and it became a hospital ship.

Although a justice of the peace for Huntingdonshire and a former High Sheriff of Huntingdonshire and Cambridgeshire, Mr. Fielden takes no other part in public affairs. He is a life Governor of Peterborough Hospital, and four years ago he made a donation of £500 to the hospital extension fund.

Mr. Fielden owns an estate of several rich pasture land in Huntingdonshire.

L.D.V. FOR THAMES

Thames defence was discussed in secret after it had been stated that "certain rivers" were being dammed and L.D.V. patrols had been formed.

The subject arose at a meeting of the Thames Conservancy Board in London.

Captain Jocelyn Bray, the chairman, said the Board had thirty-five men engaged for the War Office in "damming up certain rivers in certain places."

The organisation by Sir Ralph Glyn, M.P., of the Upper Thames Patrol—an L.D.V. unit—to watch the upper reaches of the river was disclosed in the report of the Civil Defence Sub-Committee, which stated that authority had been given for the enrolment of L.D.V.s. to safeguard important works on the river.

Flying Boat Vigil

Captain Bray was further questioned.

Ask to deal with the possibility of a landing on the river of an enemy flying boat, he said that the Thames and the towing path had been made a particular zone under the command of Sir Ralph Glyn, who was making all necessary arrangements for day and night patrols.

Asked if materials for repairs had been assembled at convenient points in case bridges were damaged, Captain Bray replied "I think it is best to talk about these things in the absence of the Press."

DIED AFTER COME-BACK

Soon after completing an important part in Shaw's "Major Barbara" at Denham, Donald Calthrop, fifty-two-year-old character actor, died of heart failure at Iver (Bucks) Cottage Hospital.

The role of Peter Shirley, the pathetic old vagrant, in Shaw's "Major Barbara," was in the nature of a come-back for Donald Calthrop as, owing to illness, he had been absent from the screen for several years, except for one or two small parts.

One of the best-loved actors of his day, Calthrop had acted with stars of the past half-century, including Tree, Irving, Martin Harvey and many others. For years he had his own theatre, and he produced and acted in play after play.

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Wages for men coming into agriculture for the first time are also fixed.

For men, the modified minimum wage is 38s. a week (as compared with the national minimum of 48s.), with lower rates for younger workers.

Farmers employing these workers on piece work will have to pay the same weekly wage.

HE TRIED TO JOIN THE R.A.F.

George Earle, son of the U.S. Minister to Sofia, tried to join the R.A.F., reports Associated Press from Cairo, but after a cable was received from the U.S. State Department his application was rejected.

ENTICED HUSBAND REPORTED MISSING

Second Lieutenant Bertie Porter, husband of Mrs. Valerie Porter, who became known as the "spanked wife" during the case he successfully brought against his parents for enticement, is officially reported missing.

His father, Mr. Albert Renfrew Porter, of Grosvenor Square, London, W., appealing for information about his son, knows only that he was last seen at Calais on May 21.

Mrs. Peggy Came, mother of Mrs. Valerie Porter, said: "Val is feeling sad and anxious about him. She feels he has been wounded.

"We hope he is safe in a prisoners' camp. Val is still in love with him."

The missing man, Mr. A. R. Porter, junior, is in the Royal Artillery.

BIG TIMBER YARD FIRE

Houses in Malt Street, Old Kent Road, London, S.E. and district were evacuated when a timber yard on the banks of the Surrey Canal caught fire. Flames 150ft. high cast a livid glow over the district.

So great was the number of fire engines in Old Kent Road that at one time traffic had to be diverted. After nearly two hours the fire was well under control.

FINED £40 FOR LIGHT

Forty pounds was the fine imposed on a man at Bow Street for a black-out offence. He was refused an allowance of time to pay.

At the same court one man and one woman were remanded in custody on similar charges.

Another man and woman were required to find sureties of £50 and £20 respectively to be of good behaviour for six months, or six weeks' imprisonment.

The Chief Magistrate had stated that the time had come when imprisonment instead of fines would have to be considered. Mr. McKenna said he proposed to consider that question.

Mirror Shone—£1 Fine

At Yarmouth a woman who declared that the only light showing from her house was the reflection in her mirror of a light from a ship was fined £1 with 3s. 6d. costs.

She was told by the clerk, Mr. G. Bracey: "If you had blacked out there would have been no reflection."

The woman, Mrs. Katherine Murphy, of Pavilion Road, Gorleston, called the evidence of her husband and a neighbour to support her statement that there was no light in the room—an attic.

War Reserve Constable Wadsley, who gave evidence of seeing the light, admitted that he refused Mrs. Murphy's invitation to go up to the attic and test her statement. "It wasn't necessary as the light was plainly visible," he said.

MINERS WANT £3 MINIMUM

Miners are to negotiate for a £3-a-week minimum wage for men and to ask the Government to exploit the scientific development of coal for the production of oil.

These points were the subject of resolutions passed at the Mineworkers' Federation of Great Britain at Blackpool.

Mr. J. Bowman said: "In the production of oil from coal lies the country's salvation. Not only would this solve the problem of unemployment in the mines, but it would confer a tremendous economic benefit upon the country."

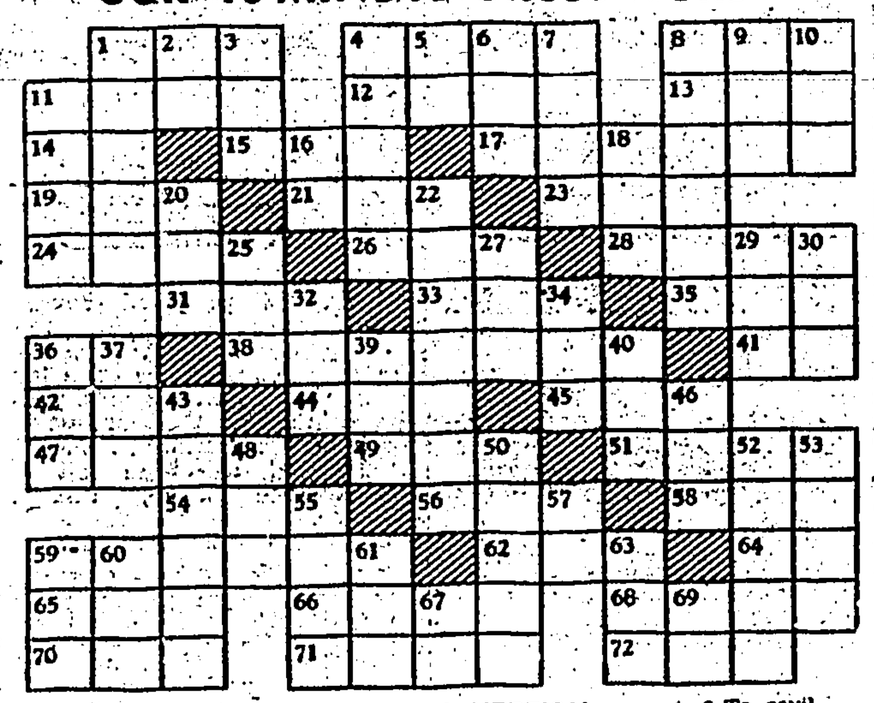
WOMAN M.P. BEATS MEN

Firing for the first time and using a 12lb. rifle, Dr. Edith Summerskill, M.P., scored seven "bulls" with her first ten shots—a feat which few men could accomplish. Four of them were scored in consecutive shots.

Dr. Summerskill was shooting in the range in the vaults under the House of Lords, where the Parliamentary L.D.V.s practice.

She had come to establish her claim as a woman M.P. to join the Parliamentary L.D.V.s, and she was the first woman member ever to shoot on the range.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



VERTICAL

1 White-blossomed plant
2 Part of "to be"
3 English river
4 Hindu magician
5 Conjunction
6 To yield
7 Raised platform
8 To cavil
9 Completely
10 Tiny
11 Page
16 Note of scale
18 Sleep
20 Conjunction
22 Derision
25 Sticky substance
27 Lettuce genus
29 Part of "to be"
30 Sweet potato
32 Insect egg
34 Gypsy
36 Cleaning instrument
37 Tropical blackbird
39 Meadow
40 By
43 To reach
46 To scold
48 Sailor
50 Sycophant
52 Crow-like bird
53 Ireland
55 Germinated grain
57 City in Chaldea
59 To place
60 Ancient tribal tax
61 To prohibit
63 A low island
67 Negative
69 Brother of Odin

1 Scoundrel
4 Affectionate
8 Teamster's cry
11 Crippled
12 Plane surface
13 Beverage
14 Hebrew name for God
15 Large deer
17 Stinging sensation
19 Wing
21 Object
23 To sink
24 Tooth
26 Fabulous bird
28 Recreation
31 Brown
33 Centre
35 Period of time
36 Parent
38 Effeminate man
41 Printer's measure
42 South American language
44 Mound
45 Chess pieces
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51 Unusual
54 Scotch cap
56 Pronoun
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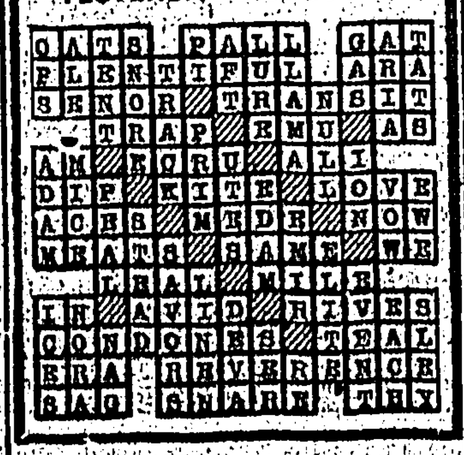

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"I FIGHT TO LAST DITCH"

SIR WILLIAM FIRTH, dismissed chairman of the £20,000,000 steel and tinplate combine, Richard Thomas and Company, said to a reporter after a stormy annual meeting of shareholders in London:

"I shall consider what can be done to meet the wishes of the shareholders who decided to call for a Board of Trade inquiry into my dismissal."

The 150 shareholders present voiced this demand as they turned their backs on the platform and held an informal meeting among themselves.

Then they trooped out of the meeting cheering Sir William and hooting the present chairman, the Earl of Dudley.

"I don't want my job back," Sir William said "All I want is fair play for the shareholders.

"Mr. Churchill is the very man to deal with a matter like this, but he is a very busy man, and he does not know the facts. And let me assure you the facts are dreadful.

"Excluding the £500,000 put in the concern by the Bank of England, the public have £7,000,000 invested in the company in Preference and Ordinary shares and a further £7,500,000 in debenture stock—£14,500,000 altogether."

Sir William was removed from office in April by a control committee, of which Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, was chairman, following what was then called "irreconcilable difference within the board."

'I'll Take Time'

"I intend to fight to the last ditch, but I am going to take my time about it.

"The public should know what can happen in this free country. I am disgusted.

"My friends told me I ought to organise support, but I declined to do anything save make a statement which was the whole truth. The only answer I get is that my statements are not true.

"They are true. Our workmen know it. The clerks in the control committee know it.

"Let me tell you one fact. Although Richard Thomas made about 12 per cent. of the total steel produced in this country, they were given no orders for shell steel.

"I noticed this and got some orders as a sub-contractor. I found the profit at the reduced price was £5 1s. 8d. per ton. Need I say more?

"And the profit I got was £4 less than it was before I had protested about the price being paid.

'Insulting Colleagues'

The meeting was stormy.

Lord Dudley, after explaining why the board had declared no dividend on any class of share, touched on the case of Sir William. Heckling became lively.

Shareholders interrupted with shouts of "Rot," "Shame."

Sir William, greeted with prolonged applause, asked permission to use the microphone. He was allowed to read a long statement from the platform.

Several times he was interrupted by Lord Dudley, who remarked: "I must limit you to direct questions, and not to the insulting of my colleagues on the board."

Sir William criticised two men who sat near him — Mr. E. H. James, deputy chairman, and Mr. Latham, managing director, who is also chairman and managing director of the Whitehead Iron and Steel Co.

He alleged that in order to support a suggestion that the firm should buy shares in the Whitehead Company Mr. Latham produced what he described as an "economic study."

81 SPIES ARRESTED IN PANAMA CANAL ZONE

America has uncovered a big spy plot. Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Roosevelt's energetic War Minister, announced that eighty-one foreign agents have been arrested in the Panama Canal Zone.

He did not specify their nationality but it is understood they are Germans. They were detained for illegally entering the Canal Zone.

All are now under the guard of the immigration authorities. Arrangements are being made for deportation "or other disposition."

Mr. Stimson made his statement when questioned about reports that 265 Nazis were working in the Canal Zone on the Government's payroll.

Aliens Sacked

He explained that, after a Government inquiry, all aliens, other than Panamanians, who were formerly employed either by the Army or the Canal Zone authorities have been discharged.

Mr. Stimson's startling announcement brings into the open the extent of sabotage activities in America, particularly in the Canal Zone. The Panama Canal is the only route by which the American fleets can move quickly between the Atlantic and the Pacific.

Recently Dr. Emil Wolff, a German physician, was arrested at Balboa (Panama) aboard a Japanese steamer. In his luggage were found a code book, a cipher and a map.

LEGLESS--- I'LL FIGHT

He lost both legs at Dunkirk — but he still wants to have another smack at the Germans.

That's the spirit of Tommy Burns, Manchester fly-weight boxer. "When I get home I'll have to start thinking seriously of how I can get back to this war. I want to do my bit right to the end," he told a reporter.

He was singing "Somebody Stole My Girl" as he wheeled himself along the corridor of a northern hospital.

"My legs were smashed at Dunkirk," he said. "When I was in a shack, holding up the Germans with my Bren gun, I was trapped. Streams of machine-gun bullets were pouring in at both sides of me and I couldn't get out. But I did some damage before they planted a mortar shell on me.

Bombed On Quay

"As if that was not enough, they bombed what was left of me as I lay on the quay at Dunkirk waiting to be taken to a hospital ship."

Burns said his injury happened three weeks before his twentieth birthday.

"I am still young, and hope to have a lot of fun yet. I want to do a bit more in this war yet. The doctor says I shall be walking on artificial limbs in a month. That will suit me fine.

"I only hope they put me on some spot on the coast. I want to have another crack at the Germans. They will never win this war—they're yellow.

"Still Got My Hands"

"All they can do is bomb women and children, and even then they're too scared to take good aim. They fly like mad when the R.A.F. is anywhere near.

"Yes, they're absolutely yellow—and will never stand up to a real soldier. True they have put paid to my legs, but I have still got these"—here he held up his hands and clasped them above his head in the true boxer manner—"so I can work on munitions."

Miss Peggy McCarthy, a friend of Burns, said:—"Tommy's heart and soul was in boxing and this will be a bitter blow to his hopes. But he is showing amazing courage."

EIGHT YEARS FOR SLACKERS

Industrial slackness in Russia is to be punished severely with heavy prison sentences, Moscow radio announced.

A drastic decree has been issued by the Supreme Soviet, which establishes that the output of goods of low standard will be regarded as a crime directed against the State, and as sabotage.

CHIEFS TO BE PUNISHED

The decree provides that for output of goods of low standard, managers, chief engineers and departmental chiefs in Soviet industries will be punished by the Court to imprisonment of from five to eight years.

The Attorney-General is ordered to see that its provisions of the decree are put into effect at once.

Kalinin, chairman of the Supreme Soviet, signed the decree at the Kremlin.

PLANNED "MOST DREADFUL BOMBS"

Three Belfast men who had "all the materials for making some of the most dreadful bombs" were sent to penal servitude at Birmingham Assizes.

The men who were found guilty of being in possession of ammunition and explosives, were Arthur Fitzgerald, thirty-two, William Joseph O'Hanlon, twenty-six, and Terence Perry, eighteen.

Fitzgerald was given ten years' penal servitude, O'Hanlon eight years' and Perry six years.

They had twenty sticks of gelignite, fourteen detonators, more than a hundred rubber balloons, two revolvers, more than a hundred rounds of ammunition, and a quantity of chemical powders.

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THE NEW EUROPE

Renan, combating the general view, declared that the great efforts of the human mind manifest themselves more frequently in times of war than in times of peace. Certainly British statesmanship was more flexible and more resourceful under the pressure of war between 1914 and 1918 than in any four years of previous history. It is safe to say that almost every reform passed into law in the last twenty years was the result of inquiries and proposals made by the different committees set up to prepare for reconstruction. This is true of housing, health, industrial cooperation, the creation of new public and semi-public authorities, the improvement of our social services, and the care of our neglected natural wealth. The bolder and wiser of our public men see that the same use must be made of this war. Mr. Herbert Morrison, in an excellent speech recently, said that he hoped that we were beginning to shape on the anvil of war our own particular form of British cooperative society, "a free partnership of freely active groups, in which there was no room for mutual attempts at exploitation, or for sharply differing levels of social and economic opportunity." This is an admirable description of the form and content of the idea of freedom that we oppose to the ideas of the dictatorships. But we need to-day far more flexibility and far more courage than we needed or thought that we needed in the last war. If we are to hold our own, we have to answer the Nazi challenge not by a conservative but by a creative effort, a creative effort inspired by daring and imagination.

Federal Union has published a vigorous memorandum, "How we shall win," suggesting methods by which the Nazi system may be undermined throughout Europe. The authors suggest that an offer of union, on the lines of the union offered to France, should be made to all peoples who become free of Nazi domination and are willing to accept a Charter of Freedom. The union offered would include common citizenship and a common responsible authority to control foreign policy, tariffs, currency, migration, communications, public works, and the administration of colonies and dependencies. This would involve drastic social changes in countries taking part. Whether such an offer is the best way to begin is matter for discussion. The important thing is we should take the initiative in proposing the collaboration of the free peoples in a common scheme for economic and social planning as the true method for reorganising Europe.

The plight of Europe when this war ends, will call for measures of restoration and reconstruction that would be far beyond the strength and the resources of any one State. It will need all the power of organising statesmanship that Europe can command to put its life again on any tolerable basis. No mere political settlement will save the world. This is why we have to begin now to reconstruct our ideas and to transform the habits of mind that were bred in the atmosphere of the industrial revolution.

HITLER'S DAY

RECEPTION COMMITTEE

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Mr. Bevin, Meet Sir John Anderson!

Mr. Bevin, Minister of Labour, wants to employ in Britain's industrial war effort "friendly disposed" aliens who are now refugees here. He is setting up a recruiting department at the Ministry to enrol these skilled men.

His best recruiting officer may turn out to be Sir John Anderson, who already has hundreds of the desired men under lock and key in internment camps. But he must hurry, for another ship is scheduled to take many more of them out of the country to Australia.

It hardly makes sense when one Minister wants skilled refugees at the lathe and work bench, and others want to place them behind barbed wire or remove them thousands of miles from our war factories. It makes less sense when the camps include men whose internment has

By
W. K. BLISS

reduced output of some war materials and thrown British workers out of employment.

There is the case of the zip fastener factory. A year or two ago, German refugees from Nazi persecution established a zip fastener factory over here.

There were eight key men in the factory — seven Germans and one man born of a Polish father in Britain and with a stateless passport. Their main work was to make tools and produce new patterns, and one was working successfully on an invention to overcome the wastage of from 60 to 70 per cent. that now occurs in metal cutting for zip fasteners.

They were refused C certificates and were interned some weeks ago when the swoop was made on the holders of B certificates. The factory so far is carrying on, but there are now no men there skilled enough to make tools and new patterns. It is unlikely that all its Air Ministry orders can be executed, and what the future of the factory will be no one can say.

When a promise was made in the House recently that the internment of men of this category would be reviewed the directors of the firm made immediate application. They were too late. The eight men are in Canada.

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Mr. Bevin might find a use, too, for Mr. ex-Herr Franklin. In the last war Mr. Franklin worked on tracer bullet development for Germany. Driven out by the Nazi regime, he came to this country and set up a factory for the production of fine chemicals at the Treforest Trading Estate in South Wales. As the factory is in a protected area he is no longer allowed to work or live there. Friends have lost trace of him. Perhaps the Minister of Labour can find him and make use of his brain for Britain's war effort.

A deeper tragedy lies behind this story. In 1937 a 15-year-old German boy, son of an Aryan father and Jewish mother, was sent to this country, his parents determined that he should not be roped into the Hitler Youth Movement. He studied at the Loughborough College and in holiday time secured temporary work in wireless and engineering factories. He gave brilliant promise.

His father, export manager of a big German steel works and master of six or seven languages, decided to turn his back on Nazism and settle here, and came to this country early last year. The mother remained in Germany till she could join him in a new home.

The mother is still in Germany and not interned. The father is in an internment camp here. The son died in the Arandora Star.

The father does not know what has happened to the boy. The mother is unaware of what has happened to husband and son.

The year 1937 also brought Mr. X (now of Holborn) to this country. Mr. X manufactured wrist-watch straps in Berlin, but, seeing the red light of intensified Jewish persecution, decided to go while the going was good.

His move to the Treforest Estate was cleverly carried out. He sent his partner over here in advance to start manufacturing so that there should be no break in continuity of production and used the proceeds of the sale of his Berlin business to buy machinery and stock which he sent over here. The Germans thought he was doing good export business for them.

They started work at Treforest in January 1938 and, after training ex-miners and girls who had never done factory work before, were selling their products in March. Their first year's turnover was £7,000, 60 per cent. of it export. They held their own despite the war and employed 30 people.

Now, two of the three partners are interned—the works manager and the chief salesman. The third, business manager in London, is not allowed into the protected area where the factory is situated.

So two partners who helped to transfer a factory from Berlin to Glamorgan, employed 30 Welsh people instead of 30 Germans, and brought several thousands of foreign exchange here that formerly went to Germany, are now peeling potatoes in an internment camp on a hillside overlooking Loch Fyne in Argyllshire.

Maybe Mr. Bevin can make better use of them.

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Gustav Holzer is a similar victim. Gustav came from Austria because he could not stomach Nazism and brought with him his artistic and practical skill in the making of fabric shawls of attractive Viennese designs. He started a factory at Treforest, trained local workers, built up a trade that was nearly 100 per cent. export bringing valuable foreign exchange here, and his first samples to South Africa brought him orders for three years ahead.

Some weeks ago he was interned. His firm can carry on for a time, but the essence of the business is his own designing skill. Without that it will go under.

Not far from his factory is another that makes music strings, a craft little known in this country. It is run by Michael Stein, a Hungarian. It exports a lot and produces for this country what formerly had to be bought from Germany.

It had four key people—Michael Stein, his wife Maria, a Czech born in Vienna who came here on an Austrian passport, their adopted son Alfred who had a Nansen passport, and an Austrian foreman. All except Michael are interned, and he feels too old and too dispirited to carry on alone.

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MOVING SCENE IN HOUSE OF LORDS

LORD PORTSEA, one of Britain's oldest peers, rose in the House of Lords to plead and to offer his life for the Channel Isles, home of his boyhood, now abandoned to the Germans.

He denounced the evacuation as cowardly and the arguments in favour of it as "Petain-like." He urged that something be done to get them back.

Then this eighty-year-old peer concluded, in a slow, clear voice:

"I am an old man. The sands of my life are running out. These few sands left are hoarded with miserly care.

"But I say to this House with all honesty that if I could go tomorrow and submit to bombardment with any chance whatever of recovering those islands, I would go. I would go to-day!

"There are some things that are more than life itself, and among them the greatest of all is honour.

"In honour's name I call upon the Government to do something for my fellow-countrymen."

Lord Portsea had told the House that he was in Jersey during June.

Smell Of Cowardice

"The reasons given to the public for the abandonment of this possession do not appeal to any one. There is a smell of cowardice about them."

Referring to a statement in the Commons (by Mr. O. Peake, Home Under-Secretary) that the islanders had been spared the horrors of modern warfare, Lord Portsea said scornfully: "That is the argument of Petain."

He urged the Government to let the R.A.F. drop leaflets on the Channel Islands, giving them news of the war and news of the safety of relatives now in this country.

The Duke of Devonshire replied briefly for the Government. He said it was the policy of the Government to give all possible information to the inhabitants of the Channel Islands, both as to the progress of the war and the safety and welfare of their evacuated relatives. The suggestion of dropping leaflets would be carefully considered.

Lord Portsea, most courteous of men, listened in silence. Then he rose, looked slowly round the place to which for thirty years in the Lords and in the Commons he had devoted his life, and left.

GERMAN PRISONERS WELL OFF

An assurance that war prisoners in Britain were well treated was given by Mr. Anthony Eden, War Minister, in the House of Commons.

He said he had asked the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for War to make a full investigation into internment camps so far as they affected the War Office.

Deficiencies which existed were due to the recent big intake of internees, but every effort was being made to effect improvements.

He was confident he could give an assurance that conditions should not fall below the standards laid down by the International Prisoners of War Convention.

Our Good Name

He was anxious that there should be no doubt that we are doing all we could and should in this matter.

Mr. Graham White suggested that mortal injury was being done to our good name in this connection.

Mr. Eden: I hope no injury will be done to our good name by rumour. I am trying to ascertain the facts and I can give my personal assurance that everything possible will be done to put the situation right.

Mr. Wedgwood suggested that lurid accounts had appeared in the American Press about the conditions in the women internees' camps.

Mr. Eden explained that these were in charge of the Home Office and the Home Secretary was not aware of any complaints so far as the women were concerned.

EX-ZBW ARTIST IN SHANGHAI

Radio station XCDN in Shanghai a few days ago broadcast a farewell musical programme by Peter Gracey who as a member of the British Military Forces, is shortly leaving Shanghai.

Lieut. Gracey has been working as a volunteer for XCDN since the station first went on the air over four months ago and has been responsible for a number of successful arrangements of recordings for broadcasting as symphony concerts and for the fortnightly series of talks on "The Architecture of Music," talks that he wrote and illustrated both at the piano and by recordings. He first started broadcasting for the Hong Kong station ZBW about a year ago and his departure from Shanghai will be a great loss to XCDN; not only on account of his musical ability, but also because of his thorough knowledge of the technical side of radio work. Lieut. Gracey is in the Royal Corps of Signals.

DUCHESS OF WINDSOR: OPERATION

Close friends of the Duchess of Windsor said that she had reserved rooms at the Wickersham Hospital, New York, to undergo a plastic operation on the face.

The operation will probably be performed on the nose or for the removal of moles.

MAKE THE ITALIANS FIGHT

The hope that the British Navy would compel the Italian Navy to fight was expressed by Lord Addison in the House of Lords.

He said he expected the Navy to discover means of inducing the reluctant Italian war vessels to take to sea from the places where they were skulking in safety.

Meanwhile, Signor Gayda, the Fascist spokesman, threatened that the Italian Navy would soon be in action against Britain.

Italy would strike at Britain in four places on land and would harass British shipping in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, Red Sea and Indian Ocean, as well as immobilising a large part of the British Fleet in the Mediterranean.

The land objectives, he said, were Egypt, the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Kenya and Somaliland.

GESTAPO TIGHTENING SCREWS IN HOLLAND

WHEN THE GERMANS took over administrative control in the occupied area of the Netherlands, Seyss-Inquart, the Reich Commissioner, gave it to be understood that Dutch law would be maintained as prescribed in the Dutch Constitution. Few persons can have believed that this promise would be kept. By a simple decree introduced by him the Dutch Constitution has now been violated.

German criminal law has been introduced into the Netherlands, and the Gestapo will hold unhindered sway. The "seat of justice," as the organ of injustice is called in the decree, will be The Hague, and the court will function to the exclusion of Dutch law in the prosecution and sentencing of offenders who commit offences against the German Reich.

It is clear that the continuous resistance and resentful opposition of the Dutch to the foreign oppressor have led the Germans to tighten the screws of the vice in which the subjugated and unfortunate people are held. Some days ago the chiefs of police at Amsterdam and The Hague issued proclamations to the inhabitants of those cities, warning them of "undesirable consequences" in case of further disturbances of order. Reliable information has been received that riots took place at Amsterdam and The Hague and in other cities on the occasion of the birthday of Prince Bernhard.

Loyalty To Royal Family

Great crowds, wearing orange cockades or Prince Bernhard's favourite white carnation in their buttonhole, took part in demonstrations of loyalty to the Dutch Royal Family in front of the Palaces at Amsterdam and The Hague which lasted for several hours. At last the Germans cleared the streets by force threatening the public with machine-guns. Masses of flowers laid at the foot of statues of members of the House of Orange were removed by Dutch Nazis, and a curfew was introduced for cafes and cinemas. When the crowds refused to move and clashes occurred with patrols of German soldiers and Dutch Nazis the police were ordered to charge and German aeroplanes roared overhead with the object of terrorising the population. As a result of these riots, in which a number of lives were lost, Mr. de Monchy, the Mayor of The Hague, was summarily dismissed.

The favourite German policy of taking hostages and committing reprisals goes side by side with their system of terror and intimidation. A number of Dutch citizens, most of them connected with the Dutch colonial administration, have been arrested as a reprisal for the temerity of the Netherlands East Indies Government in interning Germans in oversea territories.

Seyss-Inquart has now dismissed the entire council of the Dutch Socialist Party, which represents 25 per cent. of the Dutch people. He has also ordered the Dutch Nazis, representing about 4 per cent. of the population, to take over the party organisation, its accumulated wealth created by 30 years of contributions by the Socialists, and their organ, the daily newspaper "Het Volk."

ARRESTED BY L.D.V. — GAOL

Arrested by the L.D.V. because he could not establish his identity, a man described as Jack Johnson, alias Rex Conrad Lock, aged twenty-one, was sentenced at Christchurch, Hants, to three months' hard labour for being in possession of a revolver without a certificate.

GERMANY FINDS A NEW MATA HARI

THIS GERMAN WOMAN IS A DANGER

GERMANY'S MOST dangerous spy is a woman. She is tall, dark, strikingly handsome: she is cultured, poised and attractive. In fact she is as beautiful and sinister as the most famous spies of fiction. But this woman is real . . . and she is dangerous. Her name is Edith von Kohler.

There is little about her to suggest danger. To the casual observer she is merely a well-paid, intelligent and responsible executive in the Bucharest branch of the Baf Bavary brewery, makers of one of the most popular brands of Nazi beer, writes Heinrich Lowe, former attache to the German Legation at Budapest.

With chauffeur and secretary she travels around in an elegant Horch Straight-8 . . . seemingly the perfect business woman, using her sex appeal and personality for no more dangerous purpose than peddling beer.

But I know differently. I know, for instance, that she is Himmler's cousin. I know, too, that the firm for which she works is really a trading concern which is a cover-up for Fifth Column activities in Denmark, France, Belgium and Rumania.

With her soft tongue, frank eyes and unscrupulous brain she is responsible for much of the poison which seeps into the everyday life of these countries.

A year or so ago Edith was genuinely helping to build up a prosperous German beer business in Rumania—but Himmler was at work. He did not fail to use the attractive woman for more important work. Edith's secretary was Magda Raubel, now one of the secretaries in Schacht's Finance Ministry.

Magda's job was to keep Edith in touch with the High Finance of the Deutsche Iron and Steel Trust, the Turkish tobacco imports, the B.M.W. car firm . . . all were pushing stuff at absurd prices into countries like Rumania and Holland in exchange for "free" and stable currency, in order to secure some real cash.

Five hundred thousand pounds a week often passed through Edith's capable fingers—enough to attract the attention of Cousin Heinrich Himmler.

A little flattery, a promise of greater rewards (and a vista of the beautiful clothes and luxuries dear to any woman's heart), an appeal to her patriotism, and Himmler found it easy to turn his beautiful cousin into a clever Fifth Columnist.

Clever Game

She took to the insidious work happily. Under cover of her professional activities she toured Belgium, arranging for the erection of thousands of metal backed posters advertising "Baf Bavary" beer. All very innocent, until the rape of the Lowlands and the arrival of parachute troops. Then the real purpose of these posters was revealed.

For on the backs—sometimes, even, on the surface—of these posters were maps, instructions, addresses of local Nazi agents and so on . . . all carefully written in invisible ink. Von Kohler laid her plans well. She was careful never to carry on her work actively while travelling on business in the country concerned.

But her legitimate beer business completed she would carefully get the names and addresses of possible puppets and then move on. It was from the next country that she would strike, with instructions radioed to our Legation Office in Bucharest for re-transmission.

"Enchanting"

Easy to tap these radio instructions, you may think? Not at all. For Edith is clever, as well as beautiful. Her messages were always in a straightforward business code, and only those in the know could "tap" them.

Her sole interest seemed to be selling beer. Local brewers' agents looked forward to her visits. A very pleasant break in the week's work to receive a visit from the "so enchanting Fraulein von Kohler." She played on simple men and brought a little welcome colour into the stereotyped routine of their business lives.

Three months ago she was arrested and taken to local police headquarters. She was the first foreigner in Rumania to fall victim to the regulation which insisted on foreigners using a special pass to gain transit on Rumanian roads.

The charming Fraulein vor Kohler was arrested. Of course, an absurd mistake! The German Minister in Bucharest intervened and vouched for her respectability, and she was released. Released to continue her work of stirring up trouble in the Balkans.

Her Shield

For it is not part of Edith von Kohler's policy to take risks. The slim spy is too far up in the Nazi spy-ring to take the rap.

Instead, there is a little tubby man named Herr Alfred Schommer, a prominent German spy, who is liable to come unstuck through Edith's activities. Her job is to spread the poison; his to take any possible consequences.

Schommer is the clever, ruthless type of man who shields Edith von Kohler. But he is not nearly so dangerous as Edith herself.

She is as deadly as Mata Hari, greatest of women spies. And she has one great advantage of Mata Hari . . . she has not yet been caught.

Rosalind Russell, soon to appear in Universal's "Hired Wife," features this tailored, diagonally-striped, wool suit for fall. Grey felt halo hat, white gloves, glazed bag and tri-coloured enamel-gold lapel pin complete the costume.

'CONQUER — OR BE SLAVES'

British counterparts of "The Lavals and Petains" should be known not as fifth columnists but as traitors, declared Mr. W. Lawther at Blackpool in his presidential address to the annual conference of the Mineworkers' Federation of Great Britain.

Urging that the word "defeat" must be expunged from our language, he said we must either conquer the force of Fascism or go down to abject slavery.

SYNTHETIC MUSHROOMS

According to Mr. T. E. Groves, (Soc., Stratford, E.), foodstuffs, such as mushrooms, are being produced by a synthetic process. He asked the Minister of Agriculture whether, as this food can be made available by this process all the year round, he will take steps to develop it.

CRY BABY CRY

A baby's cry is not a nuisance, Judge Earengey ruled at Clerkenwell County Court when he dismissed a claim for possession of a flat.

"We have all been a cause of annoyance to our neighbours when we were young," he said.

OVER-30 REPORT DENIED

There is no official confirmation of a report that membership of A.R.P. rescue and stretcher or first-aid parties is to become a reserved occupation for men over thirty.

WOMAN SHIP'S OFFICER

Escaped Bombs And Torpedoes

When French Government officials boarded a British merchant ship at Marseilles during the evacuation, they were surprised to find a woman among the ship's officers.

She was Miss Victoria Drummond, who is the only woman to hold the Board of Trade's certificate as a qualified marine engineer and who is now a second engineer in the Women's Mercantile Naval Reserve.

The French officials complimented the captain on her coolness and courage during the crossing, but Miss Drummond had little to say about it when she came home for her first leave for five months.

She spent the time with her two sisters at the girls' club they founded in Kennington Road. Now she has rejoined her ship.

"Such Bad Shots"

Councillor William Lockyer, Mayor of Lambeth, who is a friend of the family said: "She has been bombed during her voyages, but all she says about it is 'They are such bad shots.'

"Once a submarine attacked her ship with torpedoes, but missed."

Miss Drummond joined her ship five months ago, and is the only woman aboard. She wears the uniform of an officer of the mercantile marine.

Miss Drummond is a goddaughter of Queen Victoria, and a grand-daughter of the first Lord Amherst of Hackney.

In 1916 she entered a Dundee engineering works as an apprentice. Then, after several years' experience as a journeyman engineer in a liner on the Australia and Far East run, she took her certificate in 1926.

PEER SAYS SHOOT THEM

Lord Marchwood will ask the Government in the House of Lords whether they are prepared to shoot British subjects who are convicted of endeavouring to help the King's enemies.

A similar question will be asked in the Commons by Sir John Mellor (Cons., Tamworth), who wants offences of a treasonable character put on the same footing as murder.

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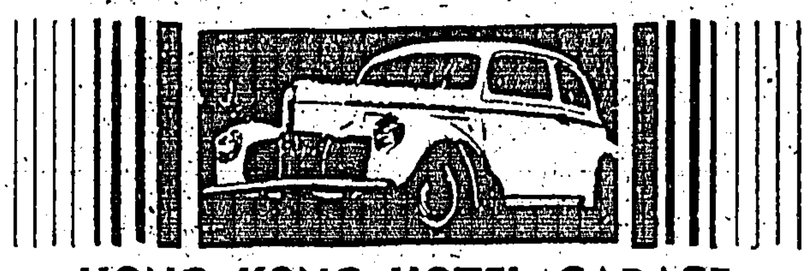

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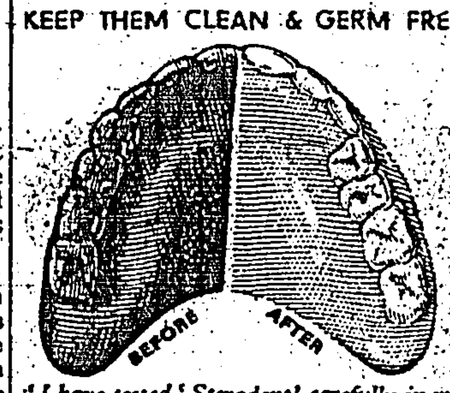

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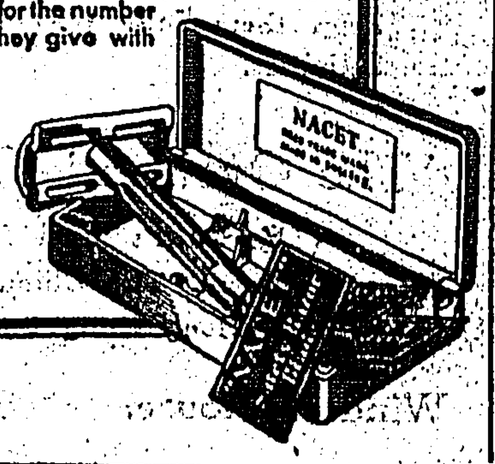


WINNING CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

BRIDGE SWINDLES — NO. 5.

If to-day's hand had been properly bid, West would have lacked the opportunity for a very neat Bridge "swindle."

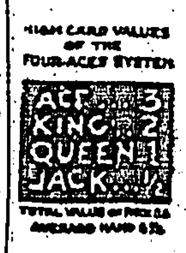
North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

North: ♠ Q 6 3 ♡ A Q 10 5 4 ◇ A Q ♣ K Q J
West: ♠ 10 9 5 ♡ 8 7 3 ◇ 9 7 3 2 ♣ 7 4 3
East: ♠ K 4 ♡ 6 2 ◇ K 8 6 5 4 ♣ 8 6 5 2
South: ♠ A J 8 7 2 ♡ K J 9 ◇ J 10 ♣ A 10 9

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♡	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

North should have passed at six hearts, largely because an opening diamond lead by East would not be dangerous. As it happened, however, when North went to six spades, the opening diamond lead by West gave South no choice but to finesse. East took the diamond King and returned a club, dummy winning with the Jack.



South now had to clear trumps without loss, and his only chance lay in finding a doubleton King in the East hand. He therefore led a low trump from dummy and finessed the Jack. It was on this trick that West set his trap.

He simply played the nine of spades! Now South expected to find the five of trumps in the East hand. The only chance, in that case, was to lead the spade Queen from dummy to pick up West's "blank" ten while trapping East's King. That, of course, was just what West had been hoping for, since the fall of the three top spades made his ten the high trump. Note, however, that South would have been forced to make the correct play but for West's imaginative false-card.

* * *

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 9 8 ♡ J ◇ A 9 5 3 ♣ K 8 7 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Burnstone
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Pass. You gave the full value of your hand on the last bid, you have no real reason to accept the Slam invitation. You would accept the invitation if you had two Aces or a long suit or even better "intermediates."

Score 100% for pass, 50% for six spades.

QUESTION NO. 515

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 9 8 ♡ A 6 4 ◇ K 9 5 3 ♣ J 2

The bidding:

Burnstone	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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WHOLE-TIME A.R.P. MEN "RESERVED"

Men serving as whole-time paid members of rescue and first-aid parties will be reserved under the schedule of reserved occupations at the age of thirty.

Such men, who were aged thirty when they registered and to whom enlistment notices have not been issued will not be called up for military service, states the Ministry of Home Security.

This does not apply to men serving as members of rescue parties or first-aid parties in factories, mines or commercial establishments.

ARCHITECTS' PLIGHT

Of all the professions, that of the architect has probably been most badly hit by the war. Others have suffered a drastic diminution of both work and income, but, the architect alone has seen his ordinary means of living completely stop.

This was an inevitable result of the almost complete cessation of all private building and of all public building except that required for urgent national purposes. True, there has been an immense amount of building for the War Office—camps, barracks, etc.,—for the Air Ministry—aerodromes and air buildings generally—and for other departments, but this in the main has provided very little work for architects.

100,000 People Affected

"The problem is a terrible one," a high authority in the profession said. "Many of the younger men have found a solution in joining the Forces, but the older men have seen their livelihood vanish. Some have struggled on with odd jobs—designing and supervising air-raid shelters in houses and offices, surveying building for A.R.P. purposes, and that sort of thing—but many have been unable to pay even their office rents and their future prospects are deplorable.

"There are about 13,000 registered architects in the country, but taking into account draughtsmen and office staffs the profession probably supported up to 100,000 people.

"It is difficult to see any real remedy until the war is over and normal life is resumed, but we feel the Government might have done more to help. The importance of the architect and of the building industry generally to the country is clear, but in each case concerns are being wound up and their services will not be available when the need arises.

"One remedy which we have continuously urged on the Government, not merely for the sake of the profession, but in the interests also of economy and efficiency, is that they should employ expert professional supervision on the enormous amount of Government urgency work which is being carried out. The men are available. Why not employ them?

Saving Public Money

"Had this policy been pursued in the beginning there would have been a great saving in such essential materials as steel and timber. The unnecesary consumption of these materials when efficient substitutes were available has been enormous. Experience has already proved, too, as in the last war, that there would have been a substantial reduction in costs."

SOLDIER JILTED, DIED

A soldier in camp received a letter from his sweetheart Sylvia. He knew the handwriting and he eagerly tore open the envelope to read her cheering message.

But as he read the letter alone in his tent his face fell. It was to be, she told him, her last letter. She had fallen in love with another man.

The soldier wept as he read and re-read the message which he did not want to believe. Then he decided that he must go and see Sylvia.

He went to an officer to ask for leave. But he was too distressed to speak. Without saying a word he saluted, handed Sylvia's letter to the officer, and remained silent, weeping, while the officer read it.

The officer sympathised, promised to place an application for leave before the colonel. The leave could not be granted. When the soldier was told of this he told a pal that he had not slept for two nights, had missed the last three meals and that there was "only one thing to do." Soon afterwards he was found shot in his tent.

Leave Impossible

That was the story told at the inquest in a south-west town on Private Douglas Haig Mordue, of the Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment. Mordue, whose home was at Ashington, Northumberland, was twenty-three.

The girl's name was not given at the inquest. She was referred to only as Sylvia.

Captain Leonard Percy Stack said that Mordue handed him the letter. Mordue was crying and in a broken-down state.

Later the Commanding Officer saw Mordue and explained to him sympathetically why it was not possible to grant leave.

The coroner said it was one of those unfortunate occurrences that had to be met, but it was more unfortunate in this case because the young man was serving his country.

"I think," he said to Mordue's father, "you will find that the young lady was very open with your son and did what was best."

Suicide while his mind was temporarily deranged was the verdict.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.

"But on page 95 it says to allow the child to follow his inclinations!"

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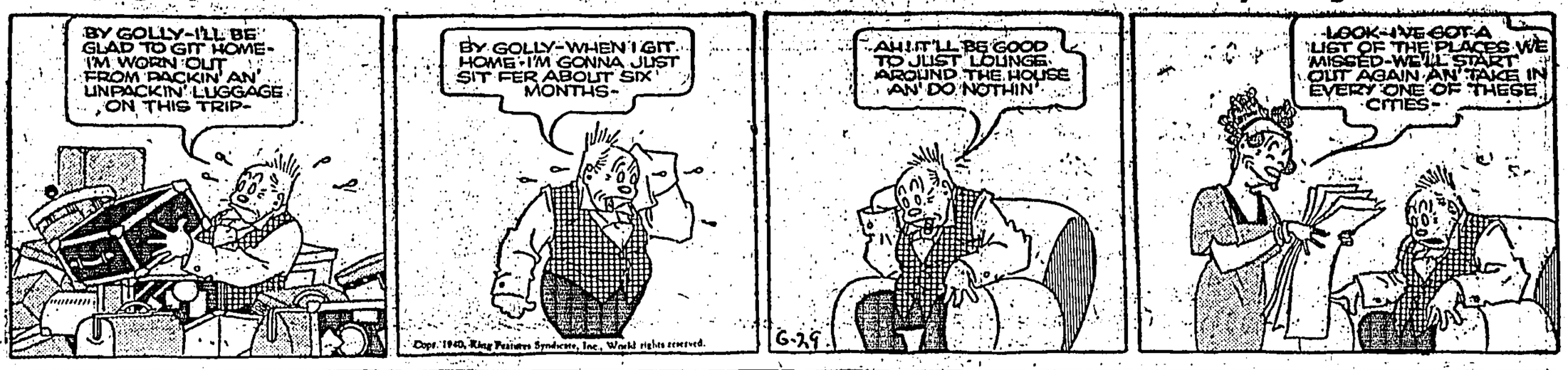

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Sun Bathe For Health

The course to take in sun bathing is that of a happy medium Either extreme, of no sun at all or tanning to a bronze colour, is detrimental to health as well as to beauty. We need sun, but not too much sun. Sun bathing in the nude is good for all of us if we can find a spot secluded enough to permit us to lie nude.

Women who have been ailing with sore throats, inertia and indigestion, would find Old Sol a marvellous cure if they stretched out beneath his warming and health-giving rays regularly, with their bodies protected by oil.

Never lie under the sun when it is too hot. Select a middle morning hour for your air and sun bath. Lie comfortably on a mattress or thick towel on the sand of a beach or on the lawn. Turn every ten minutes so front and back will get the same amount of sun and so that neither side will get too much sun at one time.

If you have no prepared sun-tan lotion or cream handy, mix mineral oil with a few drops of iodine (sufficient to make the oil tinged with lavender) and anoint your body with that. After the sun has toasted your skin twenty minutes each side (if it is rather strong) draw a fresh sheet over you and lie a while longer. The sheet prevents a burning and you still benefit by the heat you get. Take a warm bath or shower afterward unless you can loll around all day in comfortable sun clothes, and keep the oil on your skin until bedtime or when you dress for the evening.

ELIZABETH EARLE, charming screen player in "River's End," finds a diving board very comfortable for sun bathing.

Always A Protection

Let me give you another beauty trick for summer skin care. You may and should wash your skin frequently during hot weather. Use a bland soap and warm water but be certain to rinse it well afterward with both warm water and cold water. Do not leave a particle of soap on your skin. After it is thoroughly dry, apply a bit of protective foundation cream or lotion sparingly before going out to sun or drive. Otherwise leave it completely free of all cosmetics—if your tan is an even one you will look refreshingly beautiful with only a vivid lipstick. No rouge, no cream, no powder. You may use a bit of cream lash darkener to make your eyes glisten the more!

The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau says it's the permanent things that count he's talking about her new hairdo.

Hair Reflects Physical Condition

Wake up your lazy skin pores and indolent circulation by exercising more. Get plenty of rest at the proper hours and see that your menus include nice fresh fruits and vegetables in quantity. It might take you two or three weeks before you get to feeling tops but your reward will be a new radiance to your skin and hair and eyes, and heaps more energy.

You cannot expect your hair to be lovely and manageable unless your health is up to par, for your hair reflects any abnormal condition of your body. If you lack sufficient energy to carry you through the day your hair will look lifeless and no amount of care will make it as lovely as it could be. Get your system functioning normally and your hair will take nourishment it needs.

Condition Your Hair

It is very foolish to rush for a permanent until your hair is in a healthy condition. Better to brush it well, give it hot oil treatments, fortnightly shampoos and sun drylngs.

Never comb or brush your hair while it is wet. Most beauty parlour operators do it, I know, but that is to save time. Far better it is for you to let it dry thoroughly first, then brush out the tangles and finally comb it with a wide, deep toothed comb.

For Scalp Conditions

If you have a scalp condition—dandruff, dryness or excess oil—you most likely will benefit by using a corrective tonic each day or three times a week. It is well to select such a tonic carefully and then to follow the directions on it. If your scalp requires pretty consistent care for several weeks, and if you can afford it, put your head in the hands of a reliable salon which specialises in corrective treatments. They'll bring out the hidden beauty you thought you had lost forever, and get your hair ready for the loveliest permanent of your career!

After a prolonged illness or shock you must have patience until your body makes a normal adjustment. During that time care for your scalp religiously by gently massaging, brushing your hair not too briskly, and by using a lubricating pomade or a mild tonic.

Remember that the sun, in correct quantities, and air are good for your hair! When you sun your hair, keep parting it every few minutes so all the scalp will get the sun's rays and no part of it will become too bleached. A half hour's sunning is sufficient. If you bathe longer tie up your head in a scarf.

Marrow Ginger

To 6 lbs. vegetable marrow (weighed after peeling and coring), allow 6 lemons, 1½ ozs. root ginger, 4½ lbs. preserving sugar and 1½ lbs. Demerara sugar.

Prepare the marrow by peeling, cutting into quarters, extracting seeds and pith and weighing. Allot the sugar in the correct proportions, and put the marrow and sugar with the ginger, lemon juice and grated lemon rind into a large bowl or basin. Cover with a clean cloth and leave for twenty-four hours. The following day bring slowly to the boil, and go on boiling it steadily till it sets when tested on a cold plate. Take out the root ginger before potting.

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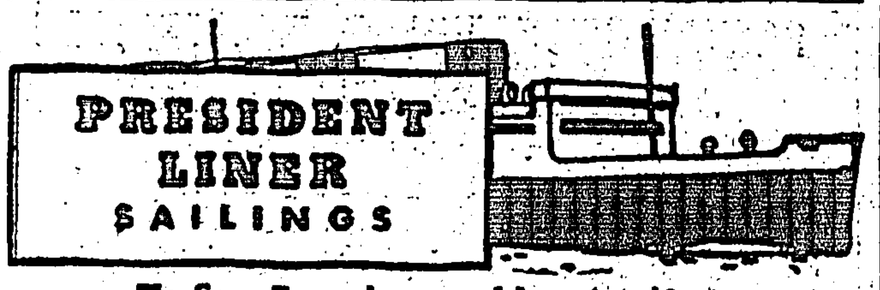

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—A Variety Programme.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Orchestras.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Raie da Costa at the Piano.
2.00 p.m.—Al Bollington at the Organ.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Elgar—Quintet in A Minor, Op. 84. Harriet Cohen and Stratton String Quartet.
6.36 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.38 p.m.—Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).
6.48 p.m.—Liszt — Venezia E Napoli. Louis Kentner (Piano).
7.04 p.m.—Saint-Saens—Concerto in G Minor, Op. 22. Arthur De Greef (Piano) and New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
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9.45 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.
9.58 p.m.—Local sport results.
10.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—A talk on Cricket by Commander C. B. Fry.
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PRESENTATION PARADE—WEDNESDAY, 18.9.40

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government will present Efficiency Decoration, Medals and Clasp at a parade at H.Q. on Wed., 18th Sept. Recipients and those detailed by O's.C. Units will attend.

PARADES

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

i. Dress For All Day Training For All Other Ranks Coast Defence Batteries.

As usual.

ii. 1st Battery

Tues. 17th Sept.—H.Q. 5 30 p.m. B.C.A. & L. G. Class. Mufti.

Thurs. 19th Sept.—No Parade.

Sat. 21st Sept. — Week-end training. H.Q. 2.15 p.m.

iii. 2nd Battery

Tues. 17th Sept.—H.Q. 8 a.m. for Bluff Head.

iv. 3rd Battery

Tues. 17th Sept.—H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Miniature Range for those detailed. Mufti.

Thurs. 19th Sept.—No parade.

Sat. 21st Sept.—H.Q. 2.30 p.m. Week-end training.

v. 4th Battery

Tues. 17th Sept.—H.Q. 8 a.m. for Pak Sha Wan.

Thurs. 19th Sept. — D.E.L. School. 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. Recruits.

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

vi. 5th A.A. Battery

Sun. 15th Sept.—No. 1 Section. H.Q. 7.30 a.m. for Peak Rifle Range. Dress — Helmet, shirt, shorts, boots and puttees, web equipment without haversack and water bottle.

Tues. 17th Sept.—No. 1 Section. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Full day's training. Dress—As previous Tuesday. No. 2 Section. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Course. Dress—Mufti.

Thurs. 19th Sept. — No. 2 Section. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Full day's training. Dress as per previous Thursday.

Fri. 20th Sept.—No. 1 Section. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Course. Dress—Mufti.

(b) FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Wed. 18th Sept.—H.Q. 5.20 p.m. Those detailed.

Thurs. 19th Sept.—K.C.R. 6.45 a.m. Tactical Exercise. Dress—Fighting Order. Shirt sleeves and helmet. Steel helmet to be carried.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

Sat. 14th Sept. — H.Q. 2 p.m. Line Detachments Nos. 1 and 2. Week-end training in areas. Dress—Summer Battle Order.

Sun. 15th Sept.—H.Q. 10 a.m. Field Map Reading—exercise for those detailed. Dress—Mufti but with Khaki shorts.

Mon. 16th Sept. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. (i) N.C.O's. and those detailed, hand grenade throwing practice on Murray Parade Ground. (ii) Semaphore instruction in classes. Note:—No. 1 Detachment less N.C.O. will not parade.

Wed. 18th Sept. — H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) Advanced men. Signal instruction. (ii) Remainder. Signal training on Parade Ground. (iii) W/T Detach. W/T at Victoria Barracks. (iv) D/Rs. Field Exercise. There will be no evening parade except for those detailed for presentation of medals ceremony.

Fri. 20th Sept.—H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) W/T. Detach. Field signalling exercise. (ii) Line Detachments. Advanced men, as above. (iii) D/R Section. Signal training. Evening Parade. Map Reading Classes.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN

Mon. 16th Sept.—Members of the Training Cadre posted to Mobile Column will parade at H.Q. at 5.20 p.m. for issue of clothing and equipment.

Wed. 18th Sept.—H.Q. 8.30 a.m. **Dress.**—All Platoons. Khaki shirt, shorts, boots, puttees, hose tops, topees, web equipment with waterbottle and haversack, revolver holster, ammunition pouch, lanyard.

Training as per programme.—Kit inspection will be held during the 1st period. All kit and equipment in the possession of other ranks must be produced for inspection.

Presentation of Medals.—Those detailed under Lt. K. C. Hamilton. For details see para. 2 of these orders above.

Fri. 20th Sept.

Nos. 1 & 2 Platoons.—H.Q. 5.20 p.m. Training as per programme.

Nos. 3, 4, & 5 Platoons.—Hung Hom. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. Bren carrier driving instruction. Remainder. Vol. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls, R.T.R. caps.

(e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Tues. 17th Sept. No parade.

Fri. 20th Sept. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Nos. 1, 2 & 3 Platoons. Platoon Arrangements. Recruits Squad. Sgt. Edwards.

(f) NO. 2 COMPANY

Tues. 17th Sept. No. 6 Pl. Kowloon Dock. 5.30 p.m. No. 7 Pl. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. & M.G. training under Platoon arrangements.

Wed. 18th Sept.—H.Q. 5.20 p.m. Those detailed for ceremonial parade. Dress as detailed.

Fri. 20th Sept. Field Day. Details as Company circular.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY

Mon. 16th Sept. H.Q. Markers. 8.30 a.m. Dress and equipment as before.

Tues. 17th Sept.—N.C.O's. meeting.

Wed. 18th Sept.—H.Q. 5.20 p.m. Those detailed.

Thurs. 19th Sept.—H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Those detailed for Kennedy Road and Albany Ranges.

(h) NO. 4 COMPANY

Mon. 16th Sept.—H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) Company parade. Kit inspection. Dress—Boots, K.D. trousers, Khaki shirt, helmet and full equipment (i.e. 2 pouches and braces, belt and frog, waterbottle and carrier, haversack, rifle sling). Balance of kit issued to be brought up in kit bag. (ii) Recruits A & B Infantry training.

Wed. 18th Sept. (i) Nos. 14 and 15 Platoons. Hong Kong men. H.Q. 7.30 a.m. Kowloon men. K.C.R. Station. 8 a.m. Dress as for previous weeks. (ii) No. 13 Platoon will not attend manning but parade H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Dress—S.D. caps, K.D. jackets and trousers, boots, web belt, bayonet and frog.

Fri. 20th Sept. — H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade L.G. instruction. Recruits A & B Infantry training.

(i) NO. 5 COMPANY

Mon. 16th Sept.—H.Q. 8 a.m. Dress—Same as before.

Tues. 17th Sept.—H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 10 Pl. L.G. Sections. Care and cleaning—Elementary mechanism. Remainder. Traversing.

Wed. 18th Sept.—H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Those detailed.

Fri. 20th Sept.—N.C.O's. Class.

(j) NO. 6 COMPANY

Wed. 18th Sept.—H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Those detailed.

Fri. 20th Sept. H.Q. 8 a.m. Dress—Same as before.

(k) NO. 7 COMPANY

Sat. 14th Sept/Sun. 15th Sept.—H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Manning Exercise as already detailed.

Mon. 16th Sept. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. N.C.O's. Instruction Class.

Wed. 18th Sept. H.Q. 5.20 p.m. Those detailed. For details see para. 2 of these Orders above.

Fri. 20th Sept.—H.Q. 8 a.m. All day training. Dress—as usual.

(l) ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Sun. 15th Sept.—Murray Parade Ground. 8 a.m. Transport Section. Ammunition Supply Exercise. Dress—As already detailed. Duty Officer—Capt. Potts.

Sun. 15th to Sat. 21st Sept.—Inclusive. Transport and Supplies Sections for duty as detailed under unit arrangements. Section training programmes to C.S.M. Duty Officer for week—Capt. Potts.

Wed. 18th Sept. H.Q. Parade for Presentation of medals. Those detailed. See para. 2 of these orders above.

Thurs. 19th Sept. — H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Whole Company. Equipment Parade and Gas Chamber. All web equipment to be brought. Members are warned that neither excuses for absence from this parade nor failure to produce complete equipment in possession will be accepted and action will be taken against offenders under the Volunteer Ordinance. Dress — Overalls and S.D. cap.

Sun. 22nd Sept. Kowloon City Rifle Range. Rifle Classification. Details will be published later.

(m) FIELD AMBULANCE

Tues. 17th Sept.—H.Q. 9 a.m. Right Section under Lt. Stout.

Wed. 18th Sept.—H.Q. 9 a.m. Centre Section under Lt. Rodrigues.

Thurs. 19th Sept.—H.Q. 9 a.m. Left Section under Lt. Balean.

Dress—As for usual weekly training.

Training for these days will consist of lectures and practical work at H.Q. Officers to make up their own programmes.

(n) PAY SECTION

Wed. 18th Sept.—H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Dress—K.D. jacket, trousers, boots, belt, S.D. cap.

Fri. 20th Sept. — Garrison School. 2.15 p.m. Dress—Mufti.

(o) FORTRESS SIGNAL COMPANY

Mon. 16th Sept. Murray Parade Ground. 5.30 p.m. Grenade. T.O.E.T.

Tues. 17th Sept. — Exchange Building. 5.30 p.m. Lecture. Switchboards in Military use and subsidiary apparatus.

Wed. 18th Sept.—Exchange Building. 5.30 p.m. Lecture. Sector layout and manning procedure.

Thurs. 19th Sept.—Exchange Building. 5.30 p.m. Lecture. U. G. Communications. Linking and testing.

Fri. 20th Sept.—H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L. G. Care and cleaning.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

A.L/Sgt. H. W. Brown, to be Sgt.; A/Sgt. A. Bone, to be Sgt.; A/Sgt. N. Spence, to be Sgt.; A/Sgt. F. S. Thomson, to be Sgt.; A/Sgt. B. J. M. Monks, to be Sgt.; A/Sgt. G. G. Davies, to be Sgt.; Cpl. J. C. Remedios, to be Sgt.; L/Cpl. G. A. Guterres, to be Cpl.; Gnr. J. F. Lawrie, to be Sgt.; Gnr. S. Hope, to be L/Bdr.; Gnr. W. Melrose, to be L/Bdr.; Gnr. R. M. Wright, to be L/Bdr.

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Home Nursing Lecture

Mon., 16th Sept. There will be no Home Nursing Lecture.

Practical First Aid Class

Tues., 17th Sept., Helena May Institute, 10-12 noon.

Cholera Inoculation

Wed., 18th Sept. All members who have not already been done will do so. Military Hospital, Bowen Road, 5.30 p.m. Transport leaves Queen's Pier at 5.15 p.m. Uniform will be worn.

Practical Class for First Aid and Home Nursing

Fri., 20th Sept., St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

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BASEBALL

TULSA MEETS CHUNG HWA TO-MORROW IN CHARITY TILT

LEAGUE PLAY-OFF STILL IN ABEYANCE

By "Grandstand"

WITH THE ABSENCE of U.S.S. Mindinao from port, the H.B.-Mindinao play-off will have to be postponed for yet another week, although personally I do not entertain hopes of this ever taking place, as I understand most of H.B. squad will be away on Volunteer duties again next week.

A later date is impossible, as the generous extension of time given by the Naval authorities for the return of the ground will by then have expired. This will really create some problem for the League Officials. This question will in all probability be taken up at the next League meeting on Wednesday.

For the benefit of the "War Fund," only one tilt is scheduled for the week-end. Timed to start at 10.30 a.m. sharp to-morrow, Chung Hwa team will meet the U.S.S. Tulsa in a friendly tussle which has all the marks of a good game.

The Chinese team have always played a sound defensive brand of baseball, whilst the sailors have been well-known for their slugging game, which brings up the age-old controversy of which team will win a ball game—a slugging team or a tight fielding team? Many games have been won by an initial score and by the hanging on grimly to the lead by holding down the opposition with good fielding, whilst on the other hand, managers have placed great reliance on a hitting game—anybody knows that four hits in a row must result in a score.

A combination of both fielding and hitting would make a perfect team, but if it is a choice between fielding or hitting, you can call it even—the team that gets the breaks will win.

Chinese Big Trouble

The Chinese team looked good early this season, but soon petered out towards the end. Their big trouble was hitting power, which they lacked, but with their backbone, Manager Abe Liu, calling the plays from the bench, and with good fielding, they have managed to finish among the first three in the local loop.

In to-morrow's game, Mentor Abe Liu, will probably work Bill Chang on the slab with his slow benders, although it may be a wiser policy to start Wally Ching on the hillock with a faster ball.

Although it is admitted that Chang has more control of the pellet, his slow balls will be just "duck soup" to the sailors, whilst on the other hand Ching's "smoke ball" and "change of pace" will have the Tulsamen guessing. At the receiving end will probably be Tuffy Chinn, whose recent hind-snatching has earned him that position, but he will have to improve his peg to second to be able to nip the cushion robbers.

For some unaccountable reason, Nip Lum has not been seen assuming catching duties, but has been guarding the windy alley in recent games. Grandpop Leung will hold the initial sack, whilst Choy will hold the middle satchel.

If relieved of mound duties, Bill Chang will hold that station, shifting Choy to the hot-corner, otherwise the hot-corner will be Wally's stamping ground. Shagging flies in the left will be Richard Chung, who is one of the best in that department, whilst Babe Chinn and Al Lau will parade the centre and right pastures.

Tulsa's Line-Up

The line-up for Tulsa has not yet been decided, but they will probably field their usual nine. Stockton, their only hurler, will have to toil all the way through, but they are short of a receiver. However Stockton should be able to hold them down. In view of his good work last week, he held the All-Star team scoreless for five innings. Keeping close watch on the bases in one, two, and three order will be Petersen, Hofman, Maxwell, with Rabbacchi between second and third bases. Out in the wide open spaces, hauling them down, will be McClanahan, Orzajac and Guinn.

Mike Mendonca will be in charge of the game, calling the pitches, whilst Stan Leonard and "Smudge" Smith will look after the base decisions.

SELECTIONS FOR MACAO TO-MORROW

(By "Rapier")

RACE NO. 1:
RADIUM STAR
TIM
DOW-JONES
Outsider:—Dekko.

RACE NO. 2:
JACK O'LANTERN
DOUBLE CHANCE
FEI YING
Outsider:—Plain View.

RACE NO. 3:
NEW BEDFORD
KING'S ENVOY
MAC'S ADVENTURE
Outsider:—Rose Day.

RACE NO. 4:
FAIRY AUK
COUREUR BLEU
MERRY FATTY
Outsider:—Hohenfels.

RACE NO. 5:
FAIRY OUSEL
MEADOW EVE
HOGMANAY
Outsider:—Shanghai 4.

RACE NO. 6:
BLACK DIAMOND
EAGLE
THE MERMAID
Outsider:—Iron Knight.

ARMY TENNIS

Following are results in the Army Tennis Singles and Doubles Championship played at Sookunpoo yesterday.

OPEN SINGLES

First Round:—

Sgt. Dixon (Signals) beat Dvr. Martin (R.A.S.C.) 6-3, 6-2.

Bdr. Casey (R.A.) beat L/Bdr. Stone (R.A.), 6-2, 6-4.

Byes:—S/Sgt. Adlam (R.A.S.C.) beat L/Sgt. Hemming (R.A.P.C.) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

OPEN DOUBLES

First Round:—

S/Sgt. Adlam and Murray (R.A.P.C.) beat Q.M.S. Rivett and S/Sgt. Quinnell (R.E.).

Cpl. Martin and Cpl. Young (R.A.S.C.) beat Pte. Bright and Pte. Mitchell (R.A.M.C.).

S/Sgt. Magson and S/Sgt. Denyer (R.E.) beat S/Sgt. Read and Cpl. Ingleby (R.A.P.C.).

S/Sgt. Gardner and Pte. Stoner (R.A.O.C.) beat Dvr. Bradshaw and Dvr. Martin (R.A.S.C.).

L/Cpl. Fowler and L/Cpl. Glasgow (R.S.) beat Pte. Jenkins and Bdsm. Wills (R.S.).

P.S.M. Green and Cpl. Asley (R.S.) beat Pte. Langley and Pte. Don (R.A.M.C.).

S/Sgt. Pinkney and S/Sgt. Carden (R.A.P.C.) beat L/Sgt. Hemming and L/Sgt. Chalcroft (R.A.P.C.).

"Y" HOCKEY PRACTICE

The Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club will have a final practice this afternoon at 4.15 before settling down to the season's fixtures.

All members are urged to attend, and are requested to bring both a white and a coloured shirt.

Sappers And Softball

The Royal Engineers, who have made their debut in baseball this year, will be turning their attention to softball this season.

You've got to hand it out to these Sappers for "utsgay" when it comes to taking it. In spite of their set-backs in their earlier games, they have improved quite a lot, and I shall certainly be the last to be surprised if they turn out to be a top-notch softball team.

Let me point out to those who are not yet acquainted with the game that the only thing soft about it is the name. The ball is similar to a baseball, except slightly bigger, and players have found out that the ball is about as soft as a cannon ball.

"SKIP'S" FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

FIRST DIVISION

Civil Service	(—)	v	Kowloon C.C.	(—)
Kowloon Docks	(—)	v	Kowloon B.G.C.	(—)
Craigengower	(44)	v	Recreio "A"	(78)
Hong Kong F.C.	(36)	v	Indian R.C.	(58)

SECOND DIVISION

Police R.C.	(—)	v	Kowloon F.C.	(—)
Hong Kong C.C.	(—)	v	Recreio	(—)
Taikoo	(—)	v	Civil Service	(—)
Kowloon C.C.	(46)	v	Kowloon Tong	(71)

THIRD DIVISION

Kowloon B.G.C.	(64)	v	Hong Kong C.C.	(46)
Kowloon F.C.	(59)	v	Prison Officers	(56)

Figures in brackets denote the result of the first game this season.

VITAL FIRST DIVISION GAME TO-DAY: RECREIO SHOULD WIN

By "Skip"

EVERYTHING IN TO-DAY'S bowls programme is overshadowed by the game at Happy Valley where Craigengower receive Club de Recreio in a match which is of vital importance to both teams. The Champions have yet to meet the Civil Servants and Kowloon Dock, (both away) while Craigengower's remaining games are against Kowloon Dock (away), Police (away) and Civil Servants (home).

As none of these matches should cause much concern to to-day's adversaries, it can be said that the match this afternoon may decide the Championship—or it may not.

Should the King's Park team win, they will probably become champions once again, but if the Valleyites are able to hold them, they may earn the right to play-off on a neutral green. What a game it would be! The champions will be inspired by the fact that not only have they already beaten the Craigengower lads—and beaten them handsomely—this season, but in addition they have won their last three away games against them.

I tip them to add another win to this imposing list.

The match, by the way, begins at 3 o'clock.

Kowloon Docks will be at home to Kowloon Bowling Green Club and although I have not yet seen the former's line-up, I think that the verdict will go to the Austin Road team.

Kowloon Cricket Club are badly in need of points but I do not think they will be able to collect any from the Civil Servants who have a strong team out. Hollidge, I notice, is skipping again whilst Harry Strange, after a rest of a few weeks is turning out again. Hong Kong Football Club could also do with some points if they wish to avoid relegation—I wonder if they do—but I do not imagine the Indians will oblige.

SKIP'S THREE BEST FOR BIG WINS

Kowloon F.C. v (P.R.C.)
Taikoo v (C.S.C.C.)
Kowloon B.G.C. v (H.K.C.C.)

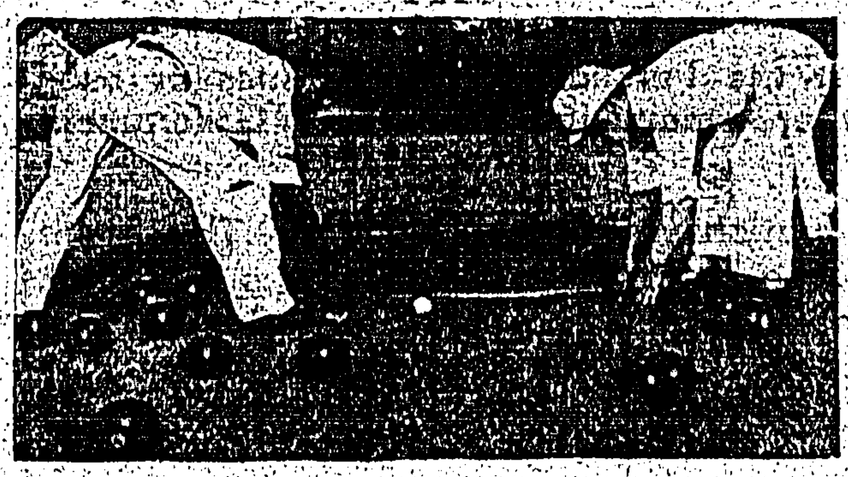
Junior Divisions

Best match in Second League should be between Kowloon Cricket Club and Kowloon Tong at Cox's Road, though the game is of little intere t as far as their respective league positions is concerned. There should not be much in it at the finish but the home team may win.

Taikoo should record one of the biggest wins of the day at the expense of the Civil Servants especially at Quarry Bay, though Kowloon Football Club should have an even bigger margin against the Police.

I am afraid Hong Kong Cricket Club are in for a double beating: firstly against Recreio in this division and also in opposition to Kowloon Bowling Green Club in the third league, in which Prison Officers will be expected to overcome Kowloon Football Club at Chatham Road.

H.E. the Acting Governor, Lt. Gen. E. F. Norton, will be present at the Races at Happy Valley next Saturday.



A Measure! A. M. Omar and his opposite number using the tape.

Race Ban May Lead To £7,000,000 Loss

Valuable Bloodstock Likely To Be Shot

WITH THE THREAT of a complete stoppage of racing during the war (and I understand it is a very real one), Britain is faced with the loss of one of her oldest and most lucrative industries — bloodstock breeding.

Not only is a halt likely to be made very soon, but the strain of thoroughbreds for which the country is famous may have to be removed from the pedigree records by the destruction of some of our best stallions.

The loss to breeders can scarcely be measured in finance in the event of a big-scale slaughter of these horses.

There is a potential value of thousands of pounds in first-grade stallions, whose stud fees range from 10 to 500 guineas; but unless breeders have sufficient financial backing to continue breeding at a tremendous loss until a post-war revival, there will be no alternative to their destruction.

In hard cash the death of British breeding will cost the country at least £7,000,000 and 100,000 unemployed. They are the figures representing the industry, whose export business alone has hitherto brought in an average of £500,000 a year.

To-day there are 853 stallions and 7,529 mares in England and Ireland, and 4,000 horses in training, but such are the war conditions that export business as well as racing is at a standstill, without the smallest prospects of a resumption.

No Shipping

Shipment of horses is practically impossible. Normally we send them to the United States, France, Italy, Russia, South Africa, South America, Australia and New Zealand, India, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Spain and Japan, but even owners of American horses now in this country are having the greatest difficulty in arranging their transportation home.

Costs, too, have soared. Whereas a horse could be shipped to the United States for about £30 in peace-time, it is now £100, and as against £18 to South Africa pre-war, it is now £88.

There is little hope of the United States absorbing our stock even if ships were available, although tempting offers are being made to owners and breeders there from this country.

It is a striking commentary on the situation that a cable was sent from London to America offering six yearlings by classic horses, including Mahmoud, a Derby winner, Field Trial, Rhodes Scholar and Mr. Jinks, claimed to be "up to the highest Doncaster credentials" for a third of their normal value!

A few months ago—at the Newmarket sales—yearlings to the value of 45,595 guineas were bought for export. And that is only a small percentage of the total export value.

In 1938 the total was £452,355. It consisted of £142,253 for 531 stallions, £198,062 for 1,880 mares, and £120,040 for 1,110 geldings. In the first eight months of last year the total was £236,932.

Last War Contrast

During the last war exportation of horses went on. There were 803 shipped abroad in 1915, 924 in 1916, 752 in 1917, and 533 in 1918.

Already drastic reductions have been made in many leading studs. At one Newmarket farm there is now only one stallion and 12 mares, and practically all the horses in training have been sent away.

Recently Lord Adare sold all his yearlings from the Fort Union Stud, County Limerick, to an American. Among the seven colts were three which, it is estimated, would have been five-figure lots at Doncaster.

NG NIN ENTERED FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Contrary to a report received yesterday Chung Shing will take part in the forthcoming swimming championships, having apparently reconsidered their "boycott" decision. Ng Nin has entered for practically all the free style events besides the breast-stroke and the back-stroke. Ng Tsun-man is also taking part in the championships.

ENGLAND SOCCER CAPTAIN KILLED

Tom Cooper, England Soccer captain and one of the supreme full-backs of the game, has been killed in a motor-cycling accident near Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Cooper, a sergeant in the Military Police, crashed into a double-decked motor-bus. Soccer mourns the passing of a great player, and at Derby in particular the news will be a heavy blow even at a time when there is so much to mourn.

Throughout his distinguished career Tom Cooper, cheery, fair-haired, broad shouldered and strong limbed, was always in the news.

No footballer was ever transferred by the rumourists more often for such fantastic sums while he stayed firmly put at Derby with his discoverer, George Jobey.

Jobey watched him grow into a player with Port Vale, and never stopped coaching him—even after he was England's chosen captain.

A £20,000 Deal

Tom Cooper in his heyday was a superb back-to-the-wall fighter. A frank apostle of the shoulder charge, stern and resolute, firm kicker of a ball and a heartening man to have on your side.

It was once said there was £20,000 offer in for his services when Tom was at his best with the County.

It wasn't true, but he very nearly figured in a £20,000 Herbert Chapman deal when Herbert was willing to spend prodigious sums to get what he wanted.

What Happened

It would have been Herbert Chapman's most spectacular Arsenal deal. He offered £20,000 for Cooper and Sammy Crooks.

Jobey agreed, and that deal would have materialised if the Derby directors had been unanimous. They nearly were.

Cooper had a cartilage removed from both knees during his first-class career and played better after each operation.

He went to Liverpool to play alongside another England celebrity, Ernest Blenkinsop, and I believe the fee was £7,000.

That was December, 1934, and it nearly caused a riot at Derby.

He played 15 times for his country and would have first captained England in the Italian match of ill fame but for an injury.

Ominous Words

Last August Cooper said, "This will be my last season, and then I shall go into business well content with all that football has brought me."

His first club was Trentham in the Cheshire League. Joined Port Vale in 1924, and got his chance at left-back when Maddock was injured. Made debut against Manchester United. Signed for Derby County in 1925-6 season and transferred to Liverpool in 1934.

Referee's Tribute

Another story of Tom Cooper was told by Wally Lewington who was on the line in both games during that memorable tour of 1934 when we lost to Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

"Cooper," says Lewington, "who was one of the finest and cleanest players I ever ran up against, remarked to me as we walked into the dressing-room after that defeat at Budapest, 'They went through us like wind through chaff,' and that after he had worked himself to a standstill."

Mr. Lewington recalled that "Frank Moss, the Arsenal goalkeeper then chimed in with, 'I thought you told us they weren't allowed to charge? I've spent 90 per cent. of my time rolling in the dust!'"

That game was played in a temperature of over 90 in the shade.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER

Following is to-day's programme of friendly football matches:

SENIOR

Club	v	Sing Tao
South China	v	Royal Scots
Navy	v	8th Hvy., R.A.
Kwong Wah	v	Middlesex

JUNIOR

Club	v	Sing Tao
South China	v	Royal Scots
Kowloon	v	Signals
Kwong Wah	v	Royal Engineers

OPENING LEAGUE SOCCER FIXTURES

SATURDAY, 21ST SEPT., 1940

First Division

R. Scots v South China (Sookunpoo, at 4.45 p.m.)
Kowloon v St. Joseph's (Kowloon, at 4.45 p.m.)
Club v Kwong Wah (Club ground, at 4.45 p.m.)

Second Division

Middlesex v Kit-che (Military, at 4.45 p.m.)
30th R.A. v Engineers (Military, at 3.15 p.m.)
R. Scots v South China (Sookunpoo, at 3.15 p.m.)
Kowloon v R.A.S.C. (Kowloon, at 3.15 p.m.)
Club v Kwong Wah (Club ground, at 3.15 p.m.)

Third Division

R.A.F. v Signals (Caroline Hill, at 3.15 p.m.)
International v 35th R.A. (Caroline Hill, at 4.45 p.m.)
12th R.A. v 7th R.A. (Stanley, at 3.15 p.m.)
R.A.M.C. v 24th R.A. (Chatham Rd., at 4.45 p.m.)
20th R.A. v Engineers (Chatham Rd., at 3.15 p.m.)

SUNDAY, 22ND SEPT., 1940

First Division

Police v Navy (Boundary Rd., at 4.45 p.m.)
Sing Tao v Eastern (Club ground, at 4.45 p.m.)

Second Division

Police v R.A.O.C. (Boundary Rd., at 3.15 p.m.)
Sing Tao v Eastern (Club ground, at 3.15 p.m.)

Third Division

36th R.A. v A.S.A. (Chatham Rd., at 3.15 p.m.)
Shell v R.A.S.C. (Chatham Rd., at 4.45 p.m.)

SOCCER TEAMS

The following are some of the week-end soccer teams:

KWONG WAH

Lau Hin-Hon; Chung Fai Lam and Leung Pak Wai; C. F. dos Remedios A. V. Gosano and J. J. Pereira; Chong Nai Shing, Tin Yung Fai, B. T. Gosano, Cheunk Shek Kam and Wong King Chung.

SING TAO

Cheung Wing-choi; Lee Tin-sang and Hau Yung-sang, Lau Chung-sang, Sung Ling-sing and Kwok Ying-kee, Tang Kwong-shum, Ip Pak-wah, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheong and Yeung Shui-yick.

ST. JOSEPH'S

S. Tsang; Hussain and L. Woo; Fernandes, D. Leonard and Rumjahn; Maher, J. Santos, J. Gomes, L. Leonard and S. Cruz.

Reserves:—Honnibal, Castilho, Bowen, Souza, Ali, S. Victor and T. Marcal.

(Changes will be made at half time)

H.K.F.C.

First Division (v Sing Tao, Club Ground):—Coles, Strange and Eardley, Skinner, Forrow and Strange, Kennar Hopkinson, Fowler, Blickford and Riertson.

Second Division (v Sing Tao, Club Ground):—Odell; Sloan and Pecorilli; Purvis, Coleman and Gow, Grattan, Odell, Foullard, Attwell and Lodge.

R.E.

Moxham; Palmer and Tang Chung-Pak; Birrell, Shaw (Capt.) and Taylor; Li Wai-lam, Chan Kum-poy, N. Jones, Pelham and Chung Sing.

INTERNATIONAL TROPHY FOR BADMINTON

An international trophy for Badminton, to be run on similar lines to that of the Davis Cup in lawn tennis, was presented by Sir George Thomas at the annual meeting of the International Badminton Federation in London.

Deferred on account of the war, the tournament will begin when normal conditions are resumed. It is proposed that it will be held trienially and be divided into two geographical groups—American and European zones.

Sir George Thomas was re-elected president of the Federation and representatives were present from Australia, Canada, Malaya, U.S.A., Mexico, and France.—Reuter.

Y.M.C.A. SWIMMING

Injuries and absentees reduced the Y.M.C.A. championships to almost a farce yesterday. Entries were limited to only two in the 100 yards and the 100 yards back stroke.

B. S. Wilson won the 100 yards in 63-3/5 from R. Goldman and also captured the back-stroke in 80-2/5 from F. Willis.

The plunging was won by Sgt. Blackman, Middlesex, with 51 ft. 9 ins., Pte. Burgess, Middlesex, being second with 45 ft. 6 ins.

In a scratch water-polo game, Y.M.C.A. beat a team comprised of Royal Scots, Middlesex and Y.M.C.A. players 3-2. E. W. Railton and R. Goldman (2) scored for Y.M.C.A. and Drum-Major Fielding and Bdsm. Slater replied.

Concluding Y.M.C.A. championship events will take place this evening, when a "B" Y.M.C.A. team will entertain teams from Royal Scots, Middlesex Regiment and Royal Corps of Signals.

The gala will start at 7.30 p.m.

EVERYTHING GENERATES FROM THE CATCHER, MOST IMPORTANT MAN

The catcher is the quarterback of the club, writes Joe Cronin, Manager of the Boston Red Sox.

He calls the pitches . . . sees that infielders and outfielders are properly set.

He must watch base runners . . . should be able to get the hit-and-run sign from hitters. Little things batters and base runners do frequently tip off what they intend to do.

The catcher is the most important man on the field . . . even more important than the pitcher because he is in the thick of things day in and day out, whereas a pitcher is in there only every fourth day.

Everything generates from the catcher, the only player with the entire game in front of him.

The great catcher is a psychologist able to give his pitchers that little extra boost when it is needed. He has to coax some, bulldoze others.

What He Must Be

It goes without saying that the catcher must be a good receiver and have a swift and accurate arm.

He must be agile enough to field bunts.

He must be able to tag runners and must not be afraid to block them at the plate.

Naturally, it is best that the catcher be a standout hitter, but there have been great catchers who were not good hitters.

They more than made up for their lack of hitting by their ability and savvy behind the plate.

PREMIER'S THANKS TO CANADA

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, REPLYING TO THE CABLE FROM THE CANADIAN PREMIER, MR. MACKENZIE KING, LAST WEDNESDAY, EXPRESSING THE LOYAL SUPPORT OF THE CANADIAN PEOPLE, SAYS THE BRITISH PEOPLE ARE "CHEERED AND FORTIFIED TO FEEL THAT CANADA IS WITH THE MOTHER COUNTRY HEART AND SOUL."

Thanking Mr. Mackenzie King personally for all he has done "for the common cause and especially in promoting harmony of sentiment throughout the New World," Mr. Churchill adds: "This deep understanding will be the dominant factor in the rescue of Europe from relapse into the dark ages."

Mr. Churchill says Canada's divisions will play a "notable part should the enemy succeed in setting foot on our shores."—Reuter.

ULSTER BOMBED

A BELFAST COMMUNIQUE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON SAID THAT A GERMAN 'PLANE HAD MADE AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON SHIPPING AND THAT A SMALL NUMBER OF INCENDIARY BOMBS HAD BEEN DROPPED ON A COASTAL TOWN IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

A few fires were caused, but these were soon under control.

Damage done was slight and there were no casualties.—Reuter.

Deputy Divisional Warden M. L. Bevan and Senior Warden H257, Ho Tak, are called out for active service by proclamation gazetted to-day.

NEW SEASON'S

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R.A.F. Battles Through "Generally Foul" Weather

Strike Hard At Nazi Railway Network

R.A.F. bombers on Thursday night continued to harry German invasion plans and struck at the network of vital railway junctions and goods-yards in Western Germany despite weather described by pilots as "generally foul," states the Air Ministry news service.

The goods-yards, which include some of the largest and most elaborate in Europe, must play an important part in any attempted invasion of Britain. Troops, reserves, equipment and supplies moving westwards to the Channel ports from Germany must pass through one or the other of these key transport centres.

It was before 10 p.m. that, in thick cloud and drizzling rain, the first British raider dropped heavy bombs and incendiaries on the Hamm yard.

At the Ehrang yards, near the Luxembourg frontier north of Trier, heavy bombs burst along a line of trucks, causing several explosions and fires which burned with a vivid glare. Other bombs bursting on the permanent way south of the yard caused heavy explosions.

At Osnabruck, two bombers flew through dense cloud and, attacking from various heights, the raiders started ten large fires in the yards

Essen Raid

At Essen yards, heavy bombs were dropped on railway sidings, and the rear gunner of one aircraft saw flashes of explosions among the tangle of sidings and switches.

The Schwerte marshalling yards and sidings at Emmerich were also attacked.

The Germans recently have been routing much of their military traffic through the Brussels yards. These have been attacked several times by the R.A.F. in the past week.

They were bombed again on Thursday night and after bursts had been seen on the target, a fire three quarters of a mile long was seen on the north of the yard.

There was a series of green-coloured explosions and then another fire 200 yards long was seen in the middle of the siding.—Reuter.

German Report

British 'planes attempting to cross the German border during the night were thrown back, states an official announcement in Berlin.

German aircraft bombed Liverpool, Bristol and Birkenhead during the night, it is claimed.—Reuter.

ACTUAL AIR-FIGHTS FILMED

The King's Theatre is showing an excellent film of British news, starting to-morrow. The high spot is a series of shots of actual air-fights as seen from the cockpit of an attacking British fighter—a thrilling episode.

The actual shooting down of a German bomber during an attack a British convoy is also recorded.

The main interest of the film, however, lies in the vivid impression given of the intense and concentrated drive to complete the nation's defences and the rallying of Empire troops to the defence of the Mother Country.

The film is a fine tonic.

APPOINTMENTS GAZETTED

The following official appointments, etc., are gazetted:—

Mr. D. R. Holmes to be an Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Dr. Annie Sydenham to be a Member of the Midwives Board for a further term.

Messrs. J. L. Macintyre and E. G. Mathias to be Examiners, War Taxation Dept.

Dr. R. G. Shannon to be a member of the Dental Board.

Mr. R. R. Todd to act as Financial Secretary.

Mr. E. B. Teesdale to be Administrative Assistant, Sanitary Department.

GERMAN CONVOY BOMBED

Blenheim bombers of the Coastal Command raided an enemy convoy off Calais yesterday and dropped 4,000 lbs. of bombs on the vessels.

Escorting E-boats were machine-gunned and four fighters were destroyed in this and other operations. — Reuter.

PATROLS ACTIVE

British patrols are active on all parts of the front, states a communique in Nairobi yesterday. One of them encountered superior enemy forces at Walgaris, on the frontier of Italian Somaliland, and inflicted casualties; our casualties were very slight. — Reuter.

SEVERE RAIDS ON CHUNGKING

Three Japanese bombers are officially claimed to have been shot down when 36 Japanese aircraft raided Chungking at noon yesterday, bombing the western suburbs and the south bank of the Yangtse.

Damage was fairly considerable as the Japanese used super-weight bombs, the explosions of which are said to have caused pains in the ear-drums of persons in dug-outs nearly half a mile distant.

One such bomb scored a direct hit on a dug-out but the only two occupants in the shelter were only slightly injured by falling rocks.

Property which suffered most included the compound of the American Methodist Mission in the western suburbs, a dormitory for staff nurses of the hospital being completely demolished, and the Methodist Mission middle school buildings which were badly damaged by concussions of many bombs landing in the compound.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Anxiety in regard to Soviet-Rumanian relations has increased as a result of the latest Soviet Note to Rumania protesting against alleged frontier incidents on Wednesday.

The frontier situation has been threatening for some weeks and it is persistently reported that Soviet troop concentrations are taking place along the River Pruth, which marks the line of the new border. — Reuter.

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